



## Event Spotlight: NYIPLA PTAB Committee Meeting – Lead APJ Dave McKone and Vice Chief Judge for Engagement Janet Gongola Discuss PTAB Fast Track Appeals Program

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The February NYIPLA PTAB Committee meeting will be held on February 2 at 4pm and will focus on the PTAB’s Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program that was started in July 2020 for ex parte appeals. The speakers will be Lead APJ Dave McKone and Vice Chief Judge for Engagement Janet Gongola. CLE credit will be offered.

Under the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program, appellants can have their ex parte appeals advanced out of turn. Appellants simply file a petition to request fast-track review of their ex parte appeal and pay an additional petition fee. The PTAB has set a target of issuing a decision within six months from the date the petition is granted and the ex parte appeal is entered into the pilot program. [More information can be found here.](#)

The 1-year Pilot Program is at the six-month point, and the USPTO is seeking to gather feedback about it.

We will begin our session with a presentation discussing how the program works and also discussing the following questions:

- Are you (and your clients) aware of the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot?
- If you are aware of the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot, how did you become aware?
- If you (or your client) have participated in the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot:
  - What did the Board do well?
  - What would you recommend the Board do differently?
- If you (or your client) have considered participating in the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot but decided not to, what dissuaded you from participating?
- If you were not aware of the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot, how could the Board more effectively communicate this (and other) initiatives to you?
- We will then open the discussion to the committee to share their thoughts and opinions on these important issues regarding the program.

There is no charge to PTAB Committee members to attend, and CLE will be available.



Every month, the NYIPLA PTAB Committee holds video conference calls to discuss the latest and greatest events involving the PTAB. All members of the NYIPLA are welcome to join the PTAB Committee at no extra cost and participate in these discussions and presentations.

If you are already registered as a member, you should have the Zoom log-in information. If you are not, or do not have log-in information, please contact Co-Chair, ARE Law partner Charley Macedo or committee coordinator ARE Law associate Chris Lisiewski