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In a trio of related decisions issued July 16, a three-judge panel denied Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Inc.'s motions seeking to vacate decisions to institute inter partes review filed by First Quality Baby Products LLC, which challenged a Kimberly-Clark patent. The PTAB denied the motions because Kimberly-Clark didn't sufficiently show that the petitions failed to name all real parties in interest.

The board concluded that its rules are meant to secure "the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding," and that goal would be hindered if it allowed Kimberly-Clark "to seek termination of an inter partes review, at this late stage of the proceeding, based primarily on information it already had in its possession prior to institution."

Kenneth P. George of Amster Rothstein & Ebenstein LLP, counsel for First Quality, said Thursday that the company "is pleased with the PTAB's ruling." "It serves as an effective reminder that parties should raise all issues in a timely manner," he said.

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