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Update: On March 24, 2025, the USPTO published an updated [Guidance memorandum on USPTO's rescission of "Interim Procedure for Discretionary Denials in AIA Post-Grant Proceedings with Parallel District Court Litigation"](#), which can be found in the Guidance Memorandum section of the [PTAB resources page](#).



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Today, the USPTO rescinded the June 21, 2022, memorandum entitled "Interim Procedure for Discretionary Denials in AIA Post-Grant Proceedings with Parallel District Court Litigation" (Memorandum).

Parties to post-grant proceedings should refer to Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) precedent for guidance, including [Apple Inc. v. Fintiv, Inc., IPR2020-00019, Paper 11 \(PTAB Mar. 20, 2020\) \(precedential\)](#) and [Sotera Wireless, Inc. v. Masimo Corp., IPR2020-01019, Paper 12 \(PTAB Dec. 1, 2020\) \(precedential as to § II.A\)](#).

To the extent any other PTAB or Director Review decisions rely on the Memorandum, the portions of those decisions relying on the Memorandum shall not be binding or persuasive on the PTAB.

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