

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board
From:  Scott R. Boalick, Chief Administrative Patent Judge
Subject: Final Written Decision Procedures for AIA Trial Proceedings
Date: July 29, 2025

Effective immediately, absent extraordinary circumstances, all Board panels assigned to an inter partes review or a post-grant review proceeding where an oral hearing has not yet occurred will address all grounds raised in the petition in their final written decisions. Among other reasons, this approach will promote compact decision making and ensure that panels will not be required to address grounds for the first time in the event of a remand from a Director Review decision or Federal Circuit appeal.