USPTO Announces Proposed Rule Changes To Post-Issuance Review Proceedings

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Michelle K. Lee, Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office announced on August 19, 2015 proposed changes to rules governing Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) proceedings. The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act of 2011 (AIA) created three new types of post-issuance review proceedings, to which the PTAB practice rules apply: (1) inter partes review (IPR); (2) post-grant review (PGR); and (3) transitional post-grant review for covered business method patents (CBM).

