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Acting Chief Judge for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

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Judge Kalyan Deshpande is the Acting Chief Judge for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). In this role, he leads the PTAB as it conducts post-grant trials, including inter partes reviews, post-grant reviews, covered business method patent reviews and derivation proceedings, and as it hears appeals from adverse examiner decisions in patent applications and reexamination proceedings.

Acting Chief Judge Deshpande joined the Board in 2008. Prior to becoming the Acting Chief Judge, he served as a patent attorney, Administrative Patent Judge (APJ), Lead Judge, Senior Lead Judge, Vice Chief Judge, and Deputy Chief Judge.

Mr. Deshpande, in addition to handling a substantial number of post-grant trials and ex parte appeals, has played an instrumental role in implementing and leading the precedential and informative decision designation processes, the director review process, and the director discretionary processes. Mr. Deshpande also has managed the APJ hiring and on-boarding processes, the Legal Experience and Advancement Program (LEAP), and the Judicial Law Clerk program. Mr. Deshpande detailed at the U.S. Senate for Senator Chris Coons.

Before joining the Board, Mr. Deshpande worked in software development for Accenture and supply chain management at the early-stage food services company. He earned a law degree from The Ohio State University and a degree in biomedical engineering from Case Western Reserve University.



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