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Squires Institutes First PTAB Challenges

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Law360 (December 2, 2025, 10:03 PM EST) -- [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director John Squires](#) has instituted four inter partes reviews and two post-grant reviews, the first [Patent Trial and Appeal Board](#) challenges to get his sign-off since he took over the institution review process.

Squires granted petitions Monday that will have the PTAB reviewing the validity of patents owned by Ascleitis Pharma China Co. Ltd., Fienile Agronegocios Ltda., Vampire Labs LLC, Baby Jogger LLC and [MOSAID Technologies Inc.](#)

Until Monday's [decision](#), Squires [had rejected](#) all of the nearly 100 petitions that reached his desk. Squires is the first director to take full control of reviewing petitions for merits and discretionary factors — which he [started in October](#) — and [his decisions](#) have been simply a [list of case numbers](#).

In line with that pattern, Monday decision rejected nine IPR and PGR petitions, determined 26 petitions passed his discretionary review and will now be considered on the merits, and denied one petition on the merits.

He did not provide explanations for any of the 42 cases in Monday's order.

Two of the petitions Squires agreed a PTAB panel should review came from [Evenflo Company Inc.](#), each challenging a Baby Jogger patent directed to converting a single-seat stroller to a double.

One of the key reasons Squires, and former acting director Coke Morgan Stewart [before him](#), rejected petitions based on discretion has been for so-called settled expectations, a standard they created aiming to let patent owners rest on the knowledge that their older patents won't be challenged. That practice, and how it has come about, has drawn much controversy. It is the subject of several [mandamus petitions](#) pending at the Federal Circuit, alongside others challenging how Squires and his deputy, Stewart, are running the agency.

Baby Jogger's [denial briefs](#) had argued it had settled expectations based on how long the family of patents had been in force, while Evenflo's [opposition briefs](#) pushed back that the patent owner's arguments were misleading, as the two patents at issue were granted in 2023, and that Baby Jogger has asserted a large group of patents in overlapping litigation.

The other big reason Squires, Stewart and multiple USPTO leaders before them have turned away petitions is the Fintiv precedent, which looks at timing of parallel litigation to see if the work of the PTAB would be repetitive.

While Baby Jogger argued the trial in a parallel case in Delaware federal court should begin in February 2027, Evenflo called that date speculative. Evenflo said, among other arguments, that it has asked the court to stay the proceedings, which Delaware judges often allow, and that would moot the parallel litigation concern.

Fienile's [request](#) for denial argued the PTAB shouldn't review its agricultural management patent, given that the agency is already reviewing it as part of a reissue proceeding, and it has promised not to assert that patent during the reissue.

Challenger Alemendra Pte. Ltd.'s opposition said Fienile had filed the reissue application after knowing about the IPR, undermining the argument of saving agency resources.

Vampire Labs' denial brief argued that Apple Inc.'s challenge to its battery charging technology patent should be rejected under Fintiv based on parallel litigation under U.S. District Judge Alan Albright in the Western District of Texas, who regularly rejects stays. The patent has also been in force for 12 years, which Vampire Labs argues should fall under settled expectations.

Apple's opposition hit back that the litigation before Judge Albright is in the early stages, and that the scheduled trial would start less than a month before the PTAB's decision would be due and the trial date is likely to move. Also, Apple argues there were no settled expectations because Vampire Labs stopped paying maintenance fees, allowing the patent to lapse.

Ascleitis Pharma's denial brief tried to get Squires to reject Conjupro Biotherapeutics Inc.'s PGR petition for a patent tied to weight loss drugs. The patent owner argued that the petition is based on prior art or arguments already presented to the patent examiner, and Conjupro hadn't shown that examiner made a mistake.

Conjupro's opposition responded that the art was among hundreds of references provided soon after the examiner allowed the patent. It also stressed that the administration has encouraged patent challenges early into a patent's life, which is the purpose of PGRs.

Lastly, Squires allowed Infineon Technologies Americas Corp. to pursue its challenge of a patent owned by MOSAID.

The owner's brief called for a denial because its patent was almost 20 years old, it had been broadly licensed in the semiconductor industry — in fact Infineon's predecessor negotiated to license it — and there's pending litigation in the Western District of Texas.

Infineon's opposition responded that "everyone knows" the claims are "likely unpatentable," citing an earlier IPR with a different petitioner that was instituted but then terminated when a settlement was reached. Infineon also argued that similar claims have been found invalid and that there "were severe, demonstrable examination errors."

The challenger also tried to win Squires over by relying on MOSAID being a Canadian company.

"This case is an opportunity for the director to establish that United States patents — even older ones — are not cudgels for foreign patent assertion entities to abuse," Infineon said.

Squires has raised concerns about foreign companies misusing the patent system but largely focused on Chinese companies.

Monday's ruling also featured Squires denying a trio of IPR petitions that had previously been referred to the board, citing his precedential decision last month faulting challenger Revvo Technologies Inc. for pursuing different claim constructions in different venues as it targeted patents owned by Cerebrum Sensor Technologies Inc.

Those three petitions from Evenflo, Mockingbird and UPPABABY challenged Baby Jogger patents.

As for the 26 cases where Squires will review the merits, three were Google LLC challenging Secure Communication Technologies LLC patents, and the rest were Samsung Electronics Co. challenging patents owned by Hannibal IP LLC., XiFi Networks R&D INC., Omni MedSci Inc. and Maxell Ltd. Fossil Group

Inc., Oura Health Oy. and OnePlus Technology Co. joined Samsung on the Omni challenges.

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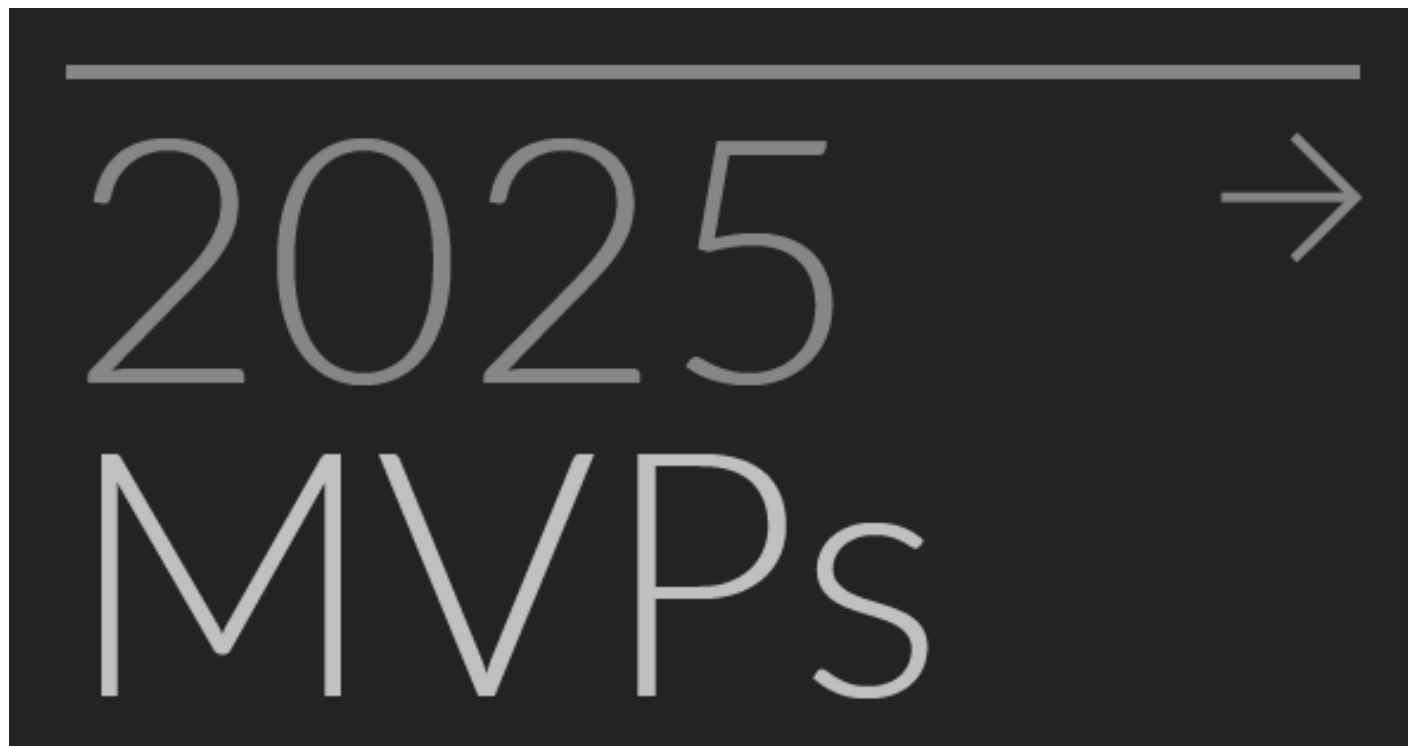
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