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On June 29, 2026, Section 3.B was updated.

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Director Review process

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) has developed a Director Review process for certain decisions made in Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB or Board) proceedings under part 42 of 37 C.F.R. The Director Review process was codified in 37 C.F.R. § 42.75, effective October 31, 2024. *See*89 FR 79744 (Oct. 1, 2024).

This page provides implementation details relating to the Director Review process.

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Previous updates:

- On February 6, 2026, Sections 4.C and 5.A.ii.a were updated.
- On December 15, 2025, Sections 3.B. and 5.C.i. were updated.
- On October 8, 2025, Section 5.D was updated.
- On September 16, 2025 Sections 4.A.ii, 4.B, and 5.D were updated.
- On August 12, 2025 Section 5.B. was updated.
- On July 15, 2025 Section 3.E was updated.
- On July 3, 2025, Sections 3.A and 5.A were updated.
- On May 23, 2025, Section 4.A was updated.

- On March 5 and 18, 2025, Sections 2.B, 3.D, 4.B, 5.A, and 5.D were updated.
- On February 5, 2025, Sections 3.E and 4.A were updated.

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