

Table 14.

Summary of Contested Patent Cases

(Within the Patent and Trademark Office, as of September 30, 1998)

Item	Total
Ex parte cases:	
Appeals¹:	
Cases pending as of 9/30/97 ²	9,201
Cases filed during FY 98	3,779
Disposals during FY 98, total	4,091
Decided, total	3,094
Affirmed	1,464
Affirmed-in-part	391
Reversed	1,239
Other disposals, total	997
Dismissed/withdrawn	139
Remanded	858
Cases pending as of 9/30/98	8,889
Reconsiderations:	
Cases pending as of 9/30/98	25
Inter partes cases, FY 98, total	
Cases pending as of 9/30/97	448
Cases declared or reinstated during FY 98	189
Cases terminated during FY 98	204
Cases pending as of 9/30/98	433

¹Jurisdiction of an appeal passes to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences after the examiner has submitted his or her answer and after the time for filing a reply brief to the answer has passed.

²1997 "Cases pending as of 9/30/97" corrected from 6,099 to 9,201.