<u>Proposed Amendments to 35 U.S.C. § 6(c)</u> (Relating to Make-up of PTAB Judge Panels)

35 U.S.C. 6 PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD ...

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(2) INELIGIBILITY TO HEAR REVIEW.—A member of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board who participates in the decision to institute a post-grant review or an inter partes review of a patent shall be ineligible to hear the review.

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