



In the Press: Charley Macedo Quoted in IP Watchdog Article on Biggest Moments in IP in 2020

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Charley Macedo was quoted in the IP Watchdog article, [“What Mattered in 2020? Industry Experts Have Their Say on This Year’s Biggest Moments in IP.”](#)

Charley noted that from a PTAB perspective, “this past year we have been seeing the repercussions of the Federal Circuit’s surprising decision in *Arthrex v. Smith & Nephew* that PTAB APJs were ‘principal officers’ and thus not constitutionally appointed. After the Federal Circuit refused to take up the issue in en banc, the Supreme Court accepted certiorari on the threshold issues as we advocated in our amicus brief at the certiorari stage. The implications of this decision will impact not only the IPRs, PGRs and ex parte appeals handled by PTAB APJs, but could have more lasting implications for our administrative state and the role of administrative law judges in general.”

Charley served as principal counsel on behalf of various amicus throughout the briefing.

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