



US Supreme Court determines that PTAB must issue a final written decision addressing all challenged claims in *inter partes* reviews

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Abstract

SAS Institute Inc v Iancu, No 16–969, US Supreme Court, 24 April 2018

In SAS Institute Inc v Iancu, the Supreme Court of the USA issued a 5–4 opinion that reversed the decision of the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and held that ‘the petitioner in an inter partes review is entitled to a decision on all the claims it has challenged’.

SAS addressed an important question regarding US Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) practice in issuing a final written decision: ‘When the Patent Office initiates an inter partes review, must it resolve all of the claims in the case, or may it choose to limit its review to...

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