

WilmerHale Webinar: Insights on the USPTO's Recent Updates to the AIA Trial Practice Guide

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The PTAB recently published a first substantive update to the *AIA Trial Practice Guide* (*TPG*) since 2012, providing guidance about trial practice before the Board. The USPTO published the original *TPG* in August 2012, concurrent with the promulgation of the AIA Trial Rules. The recent update provides guidance on several topics, including:

- the use of expert testimony;
- considerations in instituting review;
- word counts and page limits;
- availability of replies and sur-replies;
- the distinction between motions to exclude and motions to strike, and the proper use of each;
- procedures for oral hearing before the Board, including the use of live testimony, surrebuttal, and default time for the hearing; and
- providing for a pre-hearing conference and potential early resolution of issues.

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