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**Peacock Law Client Successfully Invalidates a Patent by "Inter Partes Review" and Showcased at National Conference**

Just because a patent has been issued, does not mean it is valid. Some patents are overbroad. Some patents have been issued without the examiner being aware of invalidating prior art. Some patents are simply "junk". The validity of the claims of a patent can be challenged in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) by "inter partes review" (IPR), an administrative trial procedure before a panel of Patent Trial and Appeal Board judges. This process is the best way to get rid of overbroad or entirely invalid patents that are clouding the market or putting you at risk of patent infringement.

Just this week, Peacock Law's client successfully invalidated all of the claims of a patent by IPR. Prior art was found that rendered the claims either not novel or "obvious" under the law. The oral argument in the IPR was showcased by the American Intellectual Property Law Association, one of the largest intellectual property associations in the world, for their annual meeting in Washington D.C. While such hearings are normally held in small trial rooms in the USPTO, this hearing was held in front of well over a thousand intellectual property attorneys and government leaders.

The role of patents in our economy has become a hot topic nationally, but one thing everyone agrees on is that overbroad or invalid patents should not stand. Peacock Law can help you determine your patent infringement risks and whether challenging the validity of the patent is an approach you should take.