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LegalMetric Finds Judges'™ Experience Does Not Help In Patent Cases

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ST. LOUIS/EWORLDWIRE/Aug. 22, 2006 --- Legislation currently pending in the House of Representatives (HR5418) would allow patent cases to be preferentially assigned to certain judges in federal court. The theory, presumably, is that a judge experienced in patent law will be more likely to reach the correct result.

A preliminary review of LegalMetric's data indicates that judges with at least 100 patent cases have an affirmance rate on appeal that is identical to the affirmance rate for all judges in patent cases (60% in this sample of over 1400 appeals). Giving the average judge more experience does not seem to change the quality of the outcome.

The review found that educational background of the judge does seem to make a difference in results on appeal. Judges with B.S. or M.S. degrees have a significantly higher affirmance rate on appeal (67%). The only judges tested with a higher affirmance rate were those with Ivy League degrees (71%).

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