

Administrative Patent Judge Michael Cygan

Administrative Patent Judge Michael Cygan was appointed to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) in 2018. Judge Cygan began his career in scientific research, leading projects on the diverse areas of nanotechnology, molecular electronics, artificial intelligence, and biological weapons detection. Judge Cygan joined the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a patent examiner, after which he served as a legal advisor in the USPTO's Office of Patent Legal Administration. Judge Cygan has a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School, with honors, and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Pennsylvania State University.