

No. 20-74

In the
Supreme Court of the United States

UNITED STATES,

Petitioner,

v.

IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES LLC, ET AL.,

Respondents.

**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals
for the Federal Circuit**

**BRIEF FOR RESPONDENT
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether, for purposes of the Appointments Clause, U.S. Const. art. II, § 2, cl. 2, administrative patent judges of the United States Patent and Trademark Office are principal officers who must be appointed by the President with the Senate’s advice and consent, or “inferior Officers” whose appointment Congress has permissibly vested in a department head.

2. Whether the court of appeals erred by adjudicating Appointments Clause challenges brought by litigants that had not presented such a challenge to the agency.

RULE 29.6 STATEMENT

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 29.6, respondent states that Comcast Cable Communications, LLC is a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of Comcast Corporation and no other publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of the stock of respondent.

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