USITC or District Court

| | SECTION 337 ITC INVESTIGATION | DISTRICT COURT PATENT LITIGATION |
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| Parties | Complainant(s), Respondent(s) and the OUII. | Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s). |
| Judge | Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). | Article III judge, or magistrate judge (with consent of parties). |
| Jurisdiction | In rem jurisdiction over products imported into the US that are accused of infringing US IP rights. | Court must have personal jurisdiction over the Defendant(s) and subject matter jurisdiction over the action. |
| Counterclaims | Available, but Complainant must immediately transfer to district court. | Available. |
| Applicable Procedural Rules | Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure and ALJ's Ground Rules. | Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rules and judge's Standing Orders. |
| Domestic Industry | Complainants must demonstrate domestic exploitation of the asserted patent or patents. | Not required. |
| Typical Time to Respond to Discovery | Ten days. | 30 days. |
| Typical Time to Respond to Motions | Ten days (or fewer). | Varies; typically two-to-four weeks. |
| Claim Interpretation (Markman hearing) | Varies. Claim construction can be in ALJ decision after hearing. | Varies, often held by presiding judge, typically before expert discovery, summary judgment and trial. |
| Evidentiary Trial or Hearing | Held before an ALJ. | Held before a judge and jury (if requested by party). |
| Typical Time Frame to Resolution | 15-to-18 months. | Two-to-three years. |
| Remedies | Exclusion order and cease and desist order. | Damages, if eBay Inc. elements are met, Injunction. |
| Trial Decision | ID by ALJ. Reviewed by the Commissioners. | Jury verdict or written decision / findings of fact by judge. |
| Appeals | Federal Circuit. | Federal Circuit. |
| Stay Pending Post-Grant Review at UPTO/PTAB | Highly Unlikely | Likely |