Nearly 60% of all patent litigation stemmed from Non-Practicing Entities (NPE), matching the 7-year average.

40% of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) challenges were NPE-related.

The Western District of Texas, followed by the Eastern District, continued to be the 2 top litigation areas.

NPE-related filings increased 11.4% from 561 to 633.

NPEs generated 88% of all high-tech litigation.

NPEs targeted high-tech companies 95% of the time.

Patent Assertion Entities (PAEs) were responsible for 50% of all suits.

The high-tech industry saw the most litigation with 3,370 suits, or 70% of all district court litigation.