

NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**POLARIS INNOVATIONS LIMITED,**  
*Appellant*

v.

**KINGSTON TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, INC.,**  
*Appellee*

**UNITED STATES,**  
*Intervenor*

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2018-1768

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Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in No. IPR2016-  
01621.

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2018-1831

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Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in No. IPR2017-00116.

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Before REYNA, WALLACH, and HUGHES, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

**O R D E R**

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The parties and the government shall file supplemental briefing addressing the constitutional questions raised in these cases, including:

- (1) what level of supervision and review distinguish a principal from an inferior officer;
- (2) whether severing the application of Title 5's removal restrictions with respect to APJs under 35 U.S.C. § 3(c) sufficiently remedies the alleged unconstitutional appointment at issue in these appeals;
- (3) whether, and how, the remedy for an Appointments Clause violation differs when it stems from an unconstitutional removal restriction, rather than an unconstitutional appointment itself; and
- (4) whether severing the application of Title 5's removal restrictions with respect to APJs under 35 U.S.C. § 3(c) obviates the need to vacate and remand for a new hearing, given the Supreme Court's holdings on the retroactive application of constitutional rulings.

*E.g., Harper v. Virginia Dep't of Taxation*, 509 U.S. 86  
(1993).

Each party's response is limited to 20 pages, double  
spaced, and shall be filed no later than December 6, 2019.

FOR THE COURT

November 8, 2019  
Date

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner  
Peter R. Marksteiner  
Clerk of Court