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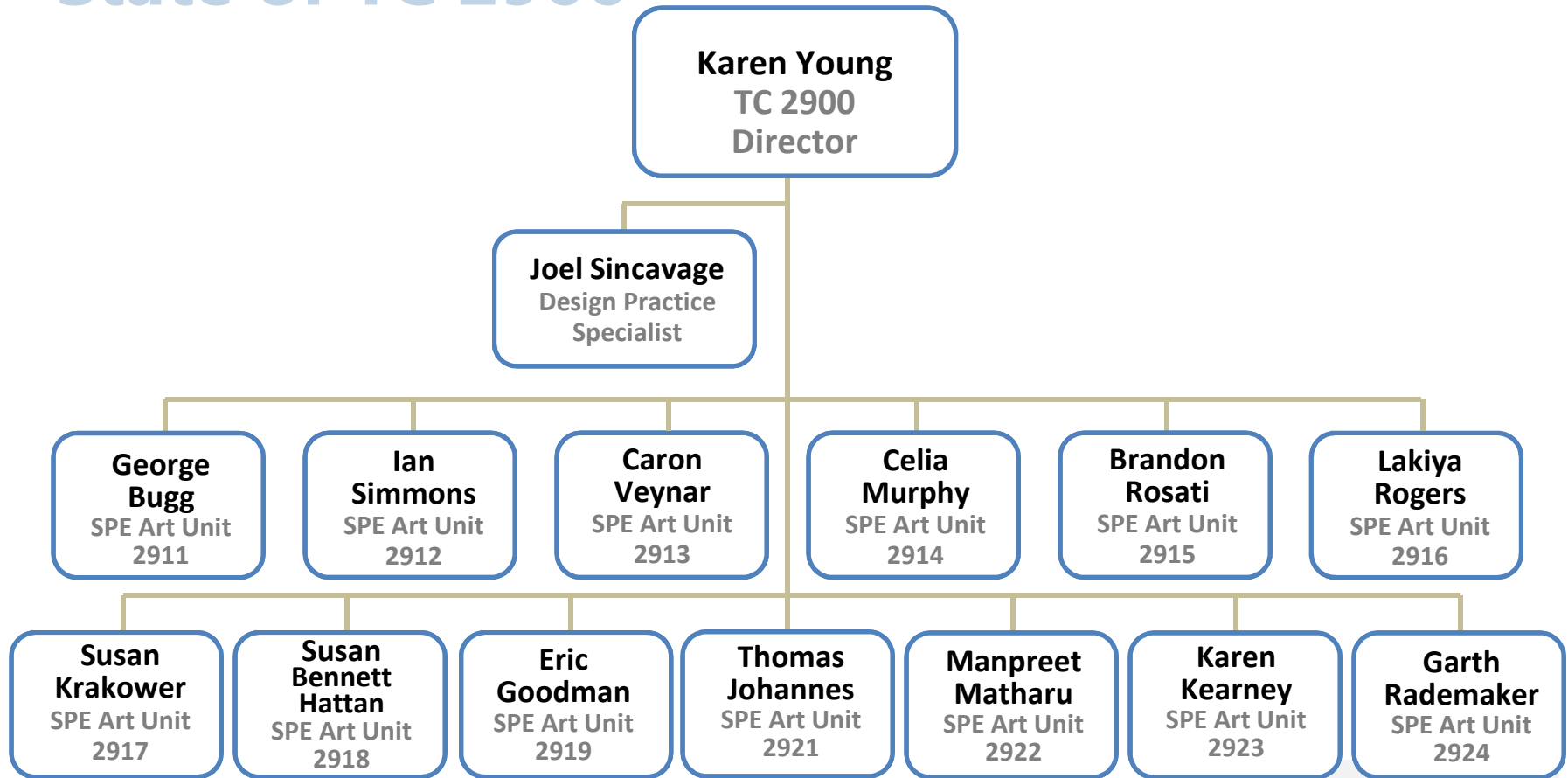
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Current Design Staff

- 1 – Director
- 13 – Supervisory Patent Examiners
- 1 – Design Practice Specialist
- 183 – Patent Examiners
- 1 - Secretary
- 1 – Office Manager

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Support Services provides technical
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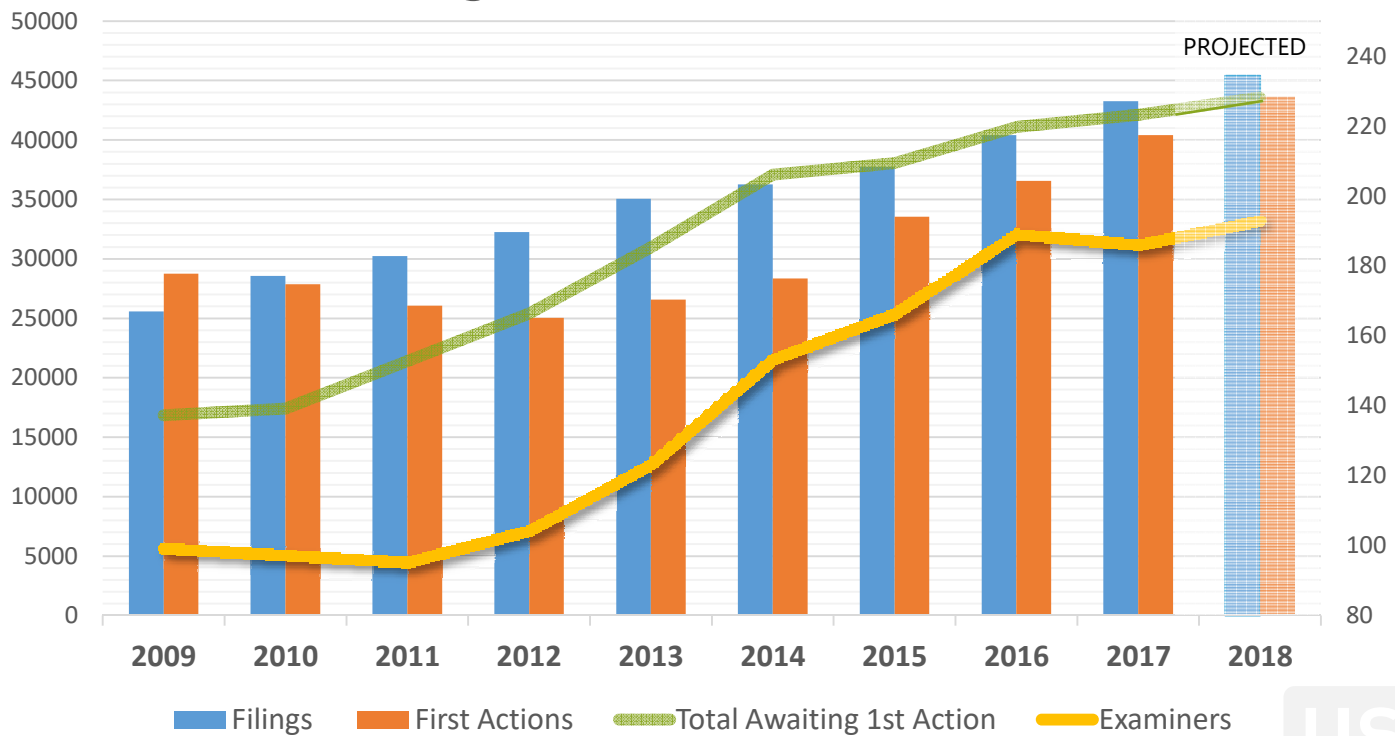
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Examiner Experience

- GS 14 – **77** Examiners
- GS 13 – **30** Examiners
- GS 12 – **29** Examiners
- GS 11 – **33** Examiners
- GS 9 – **12** Examiners
- GS 7 – **2** Examiners

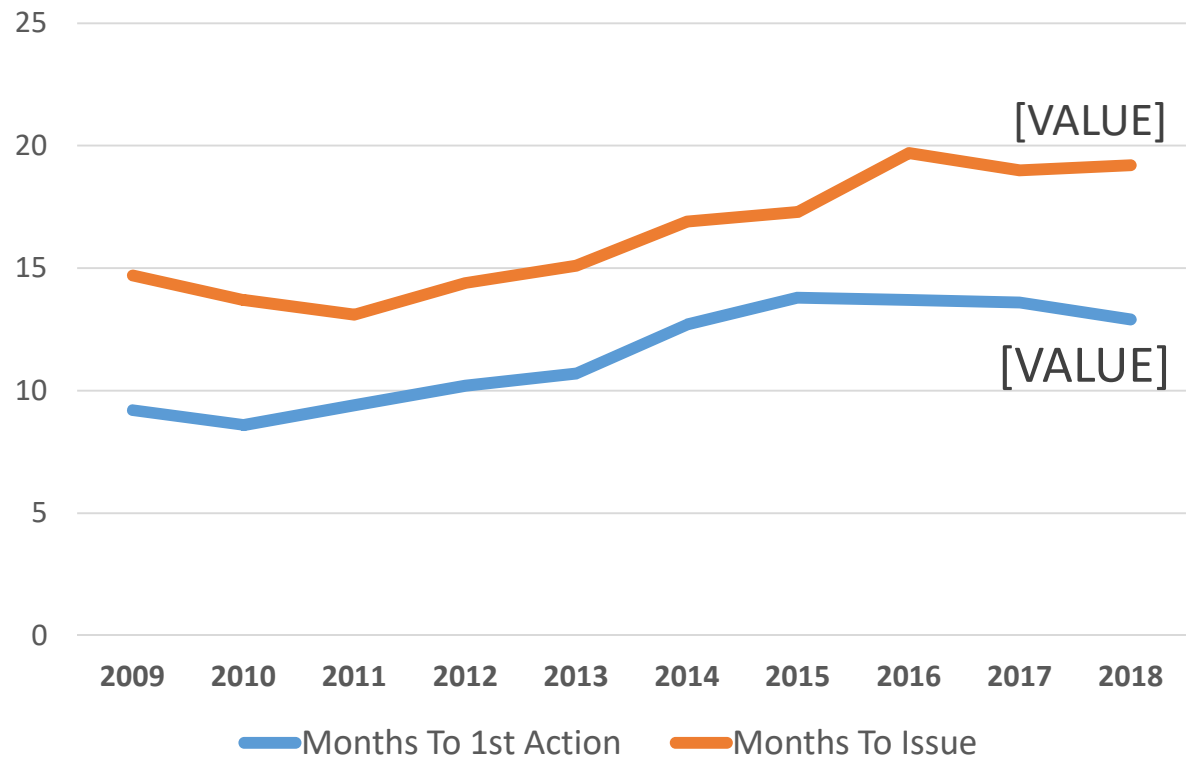
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Design Backlog & Total Examiners vs. Filings and 1st Actions

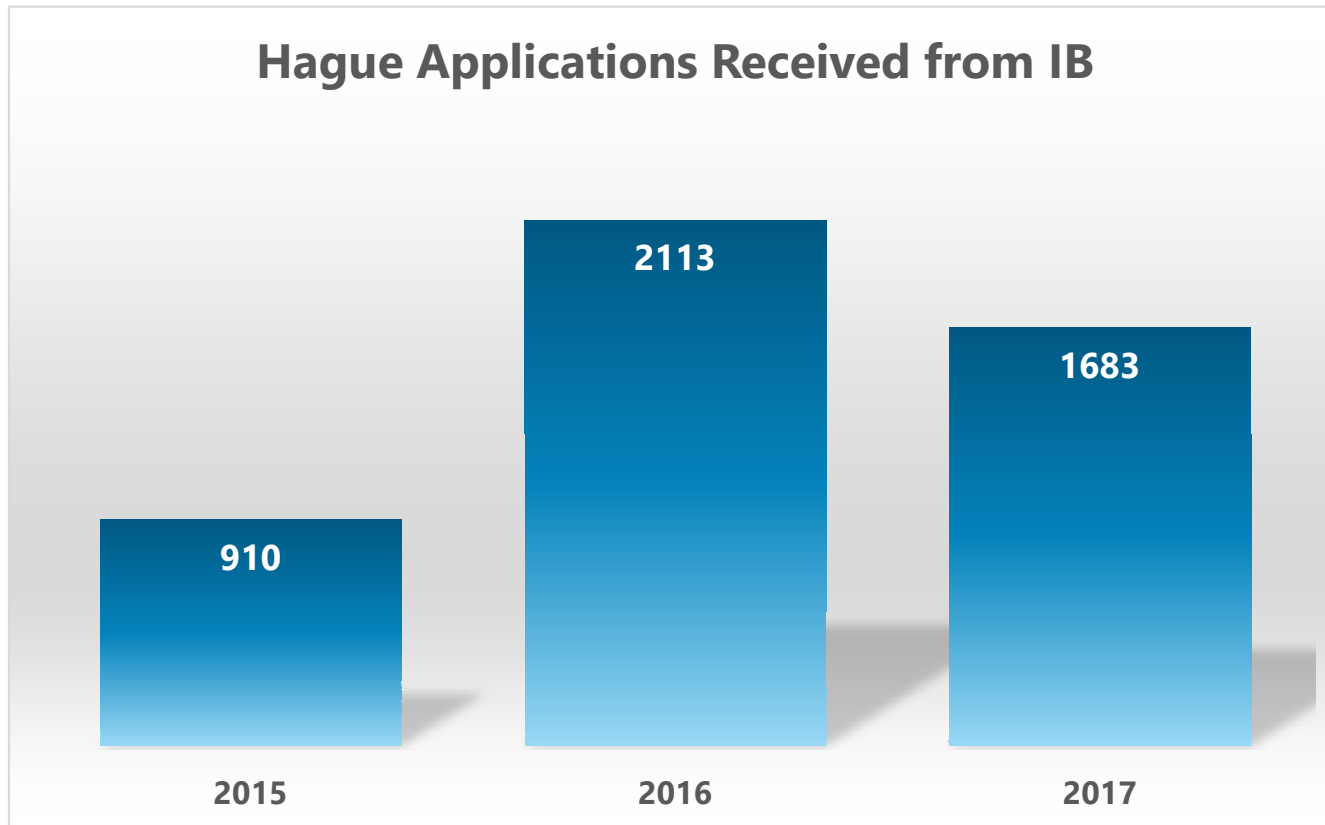


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Design Pendency

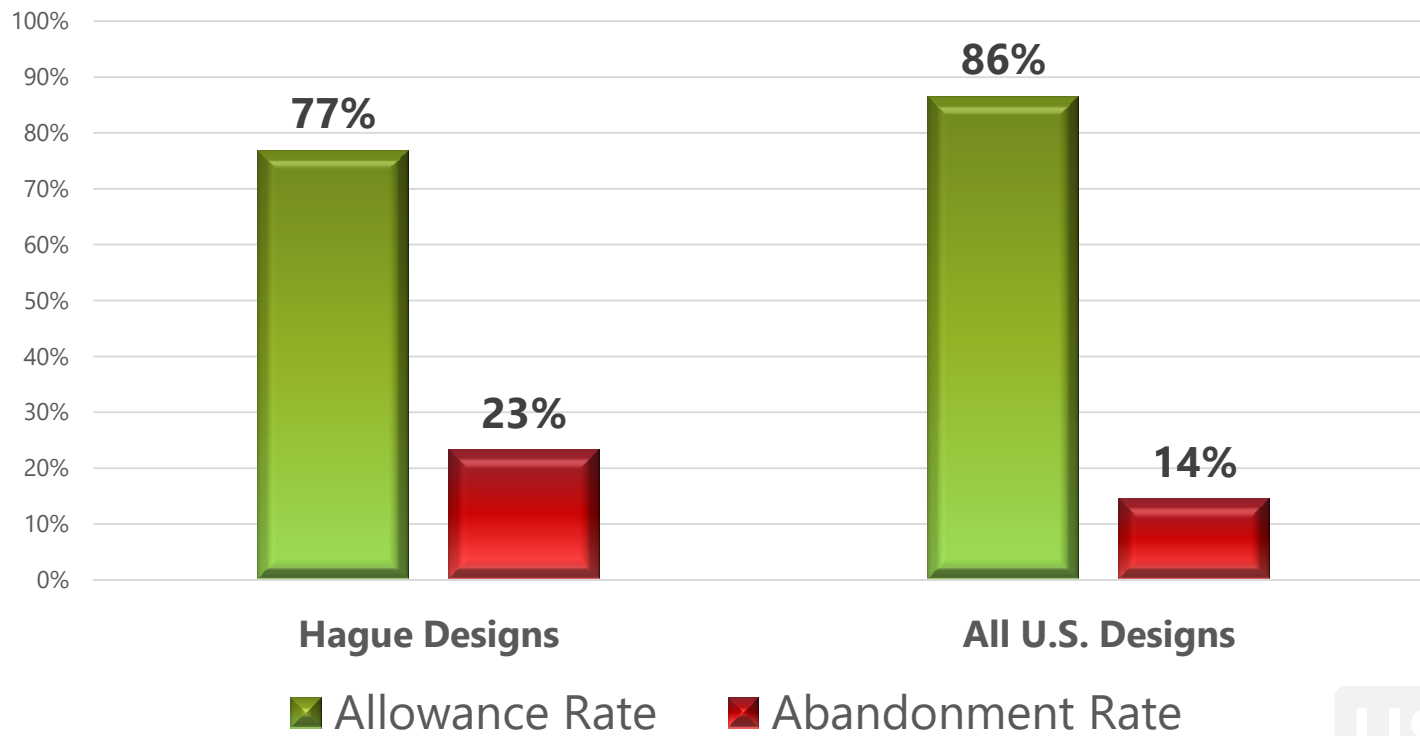


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Ongoing and Upcoming Activities

- Onboarding New Examiners
- Continuous TC Training
- Application Inventory Review
- IT Challenges
- Special Case Processing



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