NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

BIOGEN, INC., Appellant

v.

PFIZER, INC.,
Appellee

2019-1364

Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in No. IPR2017-01168.

ORDER

The appellant notifies the court that in this appeal it intends to challenge the constitutionality of *inter partes* review as provided by the America Invents Act.

Upon notice of the fact that "a party questions the constitutionality of an Act of Congress in a proceeding in which the United States . . . is not a party," the clerk of this court must "certify that fact to the Attorney General." Fed. R. App. P. 44(a); see also 28 U.S.C. § 2403(a) ("In any action . . . in a court of the United States to which the United States . . . is not a party, wherein the constitutionality of any Act of Congress affecting the public interest is

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drawn in question, the court shall certify such fact to the Attorney General, and shall permit the United States to intervene . . . for argument on the question of constitutionality.").

Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Notice of the appellant's constitutional challenge is hereby certified to the Attorney General.
- (2) No later than 40 days from the date of filing of this order, the Attorney General is directed to inform this court whether the United States intends to intervene in this appeal.

FOR THE COURT

<u>Jan 10, 2019</u> Date /s/ Peter R. Marksteiner Peter R. Marksteiner Clerk of Court

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