

## The U.S. Patent System: Just the



# Innovation Alliance Applauds Retiring Chief Judge Paul Michel for Efforts to Protect Patents

"This is a historic opportunity to improve and strengthen the patent system or harm it, and it's not entirely clear which way the congressional effort will go ... Our prosperity and our sovereignty and our independence as a country rest heavily on economic health, which in turn rests heavily on the American innovation system. We are rich in every material and intellectual way you can imagine. Those riches are at risk now in a way they have never been at risk before."

—Remark from Chief Judge Paul Michel  
From interview with *The Wall Street Journal*, November 27, 2009

"(The current Senate bill) provides a for a year window for a post-grant review after the issuance of a patent and gives the Patent Office a year from that filing to resolve the review. ... (This provision would) add delay and trouble in the Patent Office that can least afford it of all the institutions that are part of the larger patent system."

—Remark from Chief Judge Paul Michel  
From an address at the Fordham University School of Law, November 18, 2009

"Patent legislation is an opportunity for things to get much better, but it's also a risk for things to get much worse, and it's not entirely clear which direction it's going to head in."

—Remark from Chief Judge Paul Michel  
From interview with *The National Law Journal*, October 1, 2009

The Innovation Alliance applauds Chief Judge Paul Michel for his tireless defense of the American innovation system and his willingness to speak out against proposed changes to U.S. patent law that he believes would undermine that system.

The Innovation Alliance shares believes strongly that the Patent Reform Act of 2009 has the opportunity to compromise the American innovation system and that significant change to the existing language of the bill is needed in order to maintain U.S. competitiveness and jobs in the future.

Thank you, Chief Judge Michel, for your years of service and wisdom.



**The best patent system in the world promotes  
American innovation and creates U.S. jobs.**