



Trending Down: Contested Judgment Win Rates in Patent Cases 2000-2013

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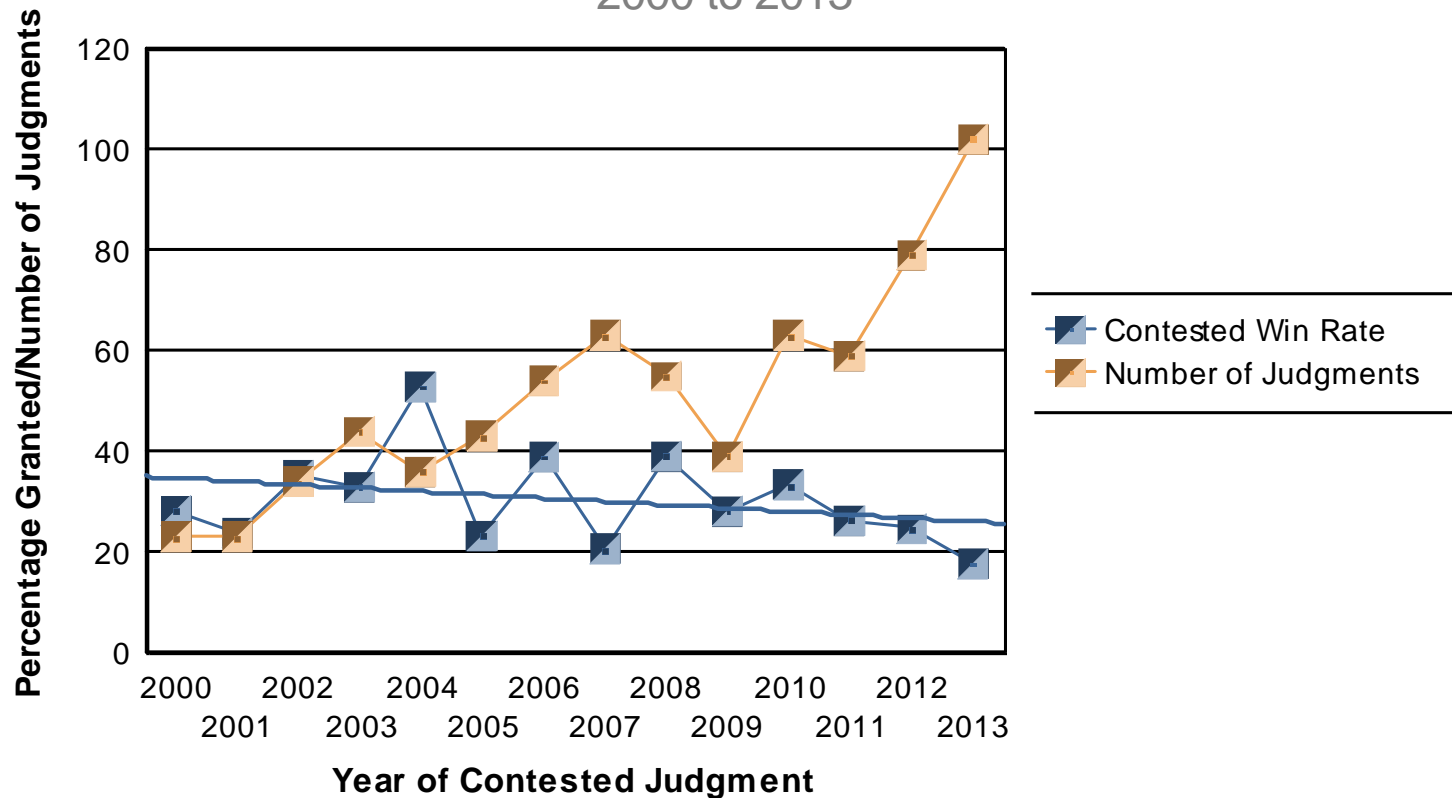
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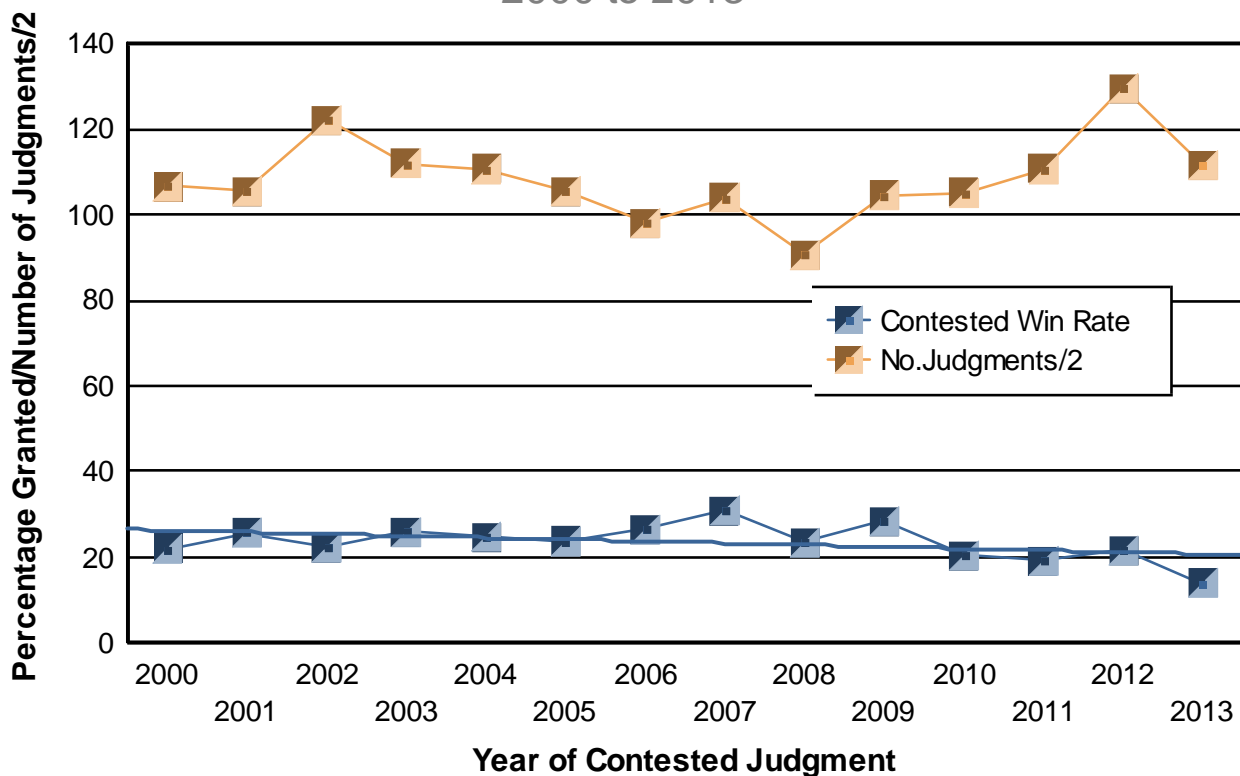
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- From 2000 to 2013 the contested win rates in patent cases have trended lower (36% to 25%) for the most active judges (those with at least 20 contested judgments over the period).
- For these judges, there was a significant peak (53%) in 2004, but otherwise the rate has been 40% or lower.

Contested Win Rates for All Other Judges

Contested Win Rates for Remaining Judges

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- For all the remaining judges (those with fewer than 20 contested judgments over the period), there was a much smaller decline from 2000 to 2013 (from 25% to 20%)
- The peak in 2004 which appeared for the most active judges is absent for the remaining judges
- By 2013, the 20 most active judges had roughly 1/3 of all the contested judgments

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