

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS SYSTEM,**  
*Appellant*

v.

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE,**  
*Appellee*

**ANDREI IANCU, UNDER SECRETARY OF  
COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE,**  
*Intervenor*

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2020-1469, 2020-1470

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Appeals from the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in Nos. IPR2018-  
00948, IPR2018-00949.

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Before PROST, *Chief Judge*, LOURIE and STOLL, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

Baylor College of Medicine filed petitions seeking inter partes review (“IPR”) of two patents owned by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System (“UT”). Arguing that state sovereign immunity applies in IPR proceedings, UT filed motions to dismiss the petitions. The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”), relying on *Regents of the University of Minnesota v. LSI Corp.*, 926 F.3d 1327 (Fed. Cir. 2019), *cert. denied*, 140 S. Ct. 908 (2020), denied UT’s motions. UT appealed. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1295(a)(4)(A). *See Univ. of Minn.*, 926 F.3d at 1331 n.2.

As UT recognizes, we held in *University of Minnesota* that “sovereign immunity does not apply to IPR proceedings when the patent owner is a state.” Appellant’s Br. 9 (citing *Univ. of Minn.*, 926 F.3d at 1342). UT contends, however, that “the *University of Minnesota* panel applied the wrong standards and reached the wrong conclusion when it held” that state sovereign immunity does not apply to IPR proceedings. *Id.* But, as UT also recognizes, “[t]his panel is bound by the *University of Minnesota* decision.” Reply Br. 1. Accordingly, we affirm the Board.

**AFFIRMED**