



Intensified Case Management in Specialized Courts of Japan

**IP High Court
Judge
Koichi TANAKA**

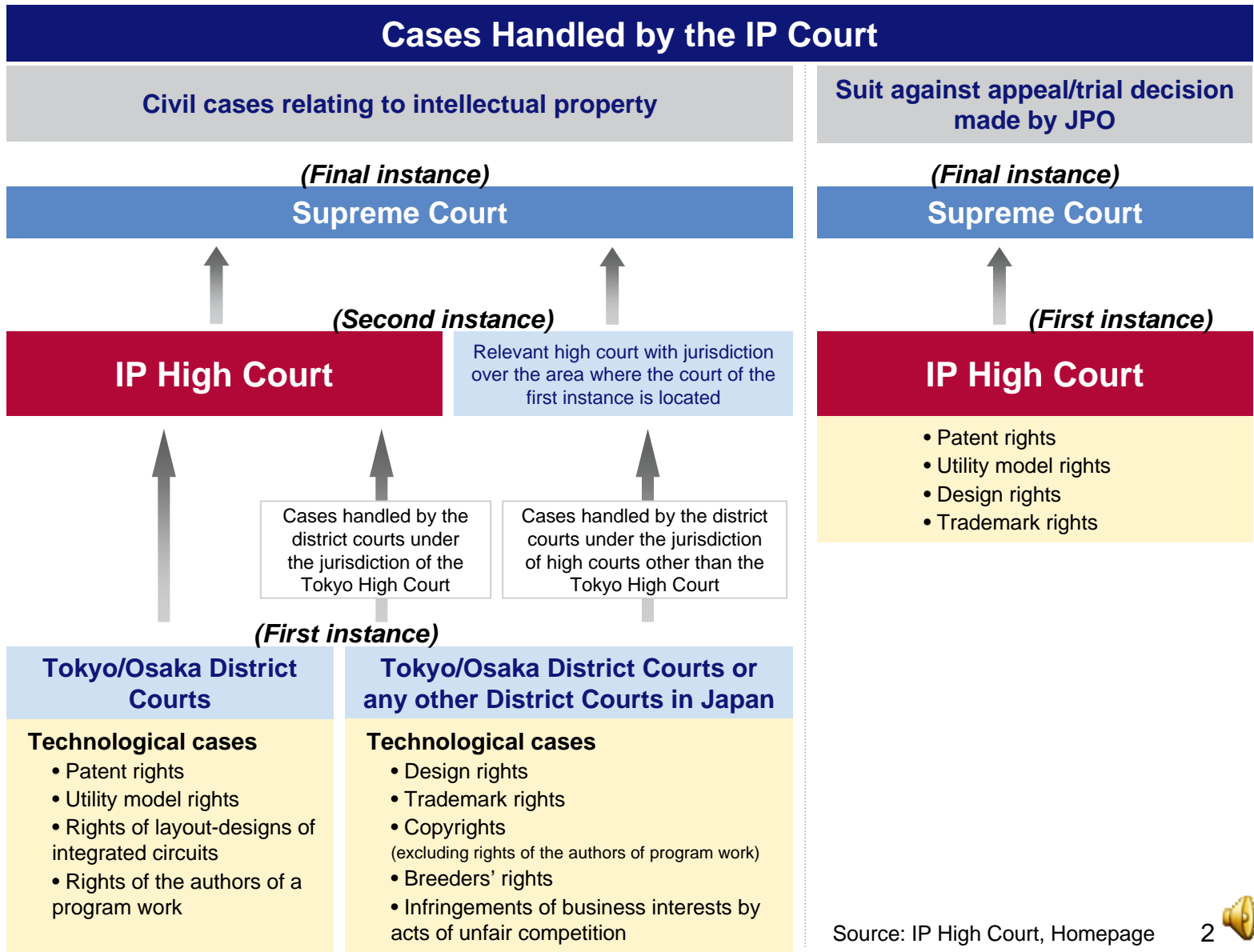
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IP High Court - 3rd year



Jurisdiction



Types of IP Litigation in Japan

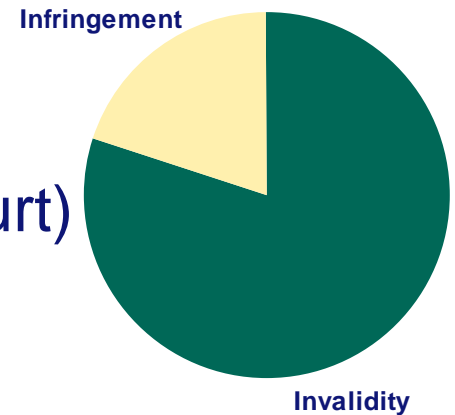
1. Cancellation cases

Lawsuits for the Cancellation of Decisions made by Patent Office

➔ 600/year, 80% (IP High Court)

2. Infringement cases

➔ 100/year, 20% (IP High Court)



Court Procedure



Proposal in 2003



Three Contents

- I . *Parties* should submit by the *date*
- II . *Discuss* intensively in hearing
- III . Enough time for *preparation*

Current Practice

Types of Hearings

1. First Hearing
2. Main Hearing
3. Final Hearing

2 hearing dates

**Condensed,
Supported by
technical staffs**



Judgement

Benefits



I . Predictable and Comfortable

Parties

Courts (Litigation economy)

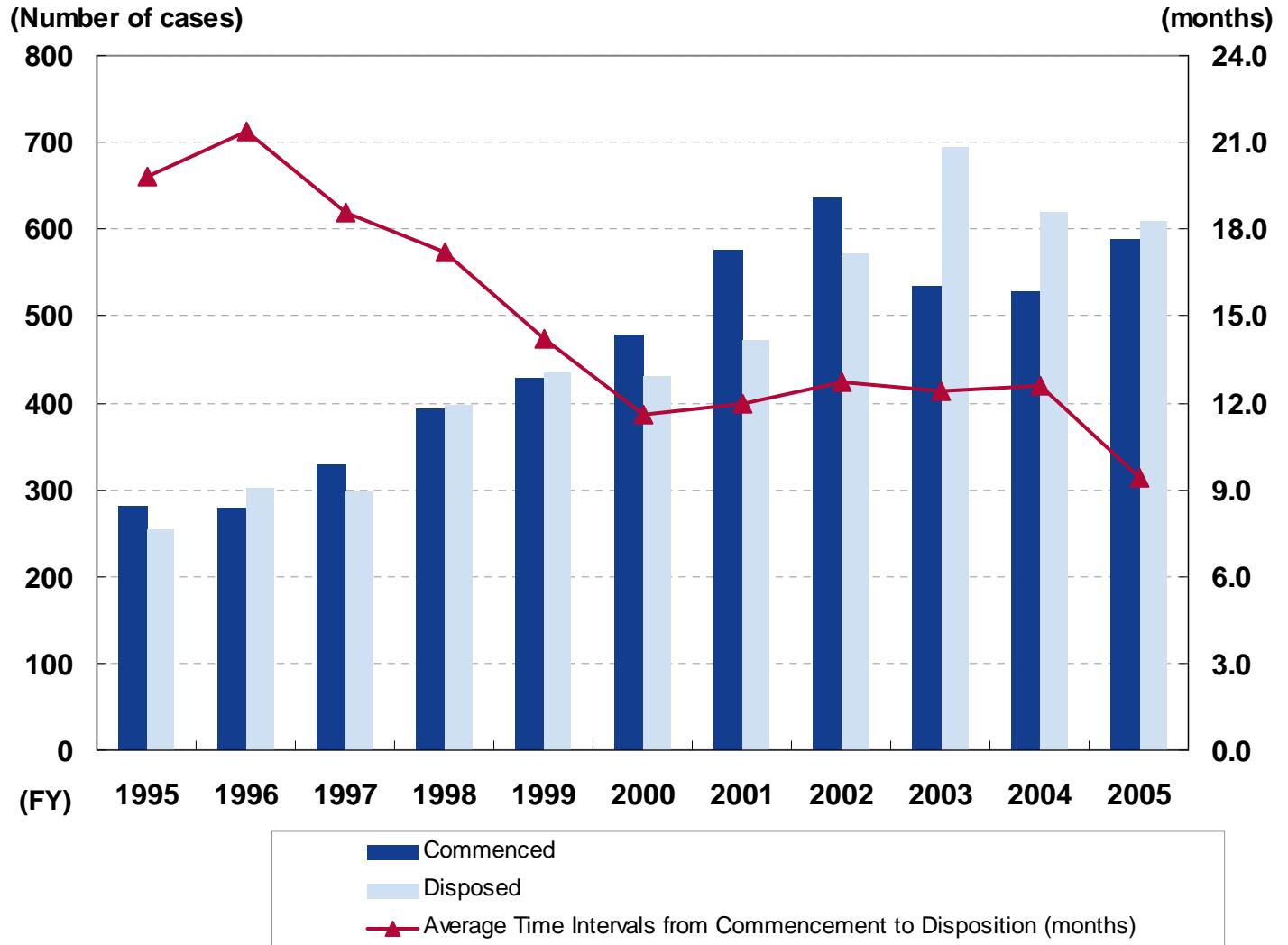
All people (Industry...)

II . Flexible

Applicable to all type of cases

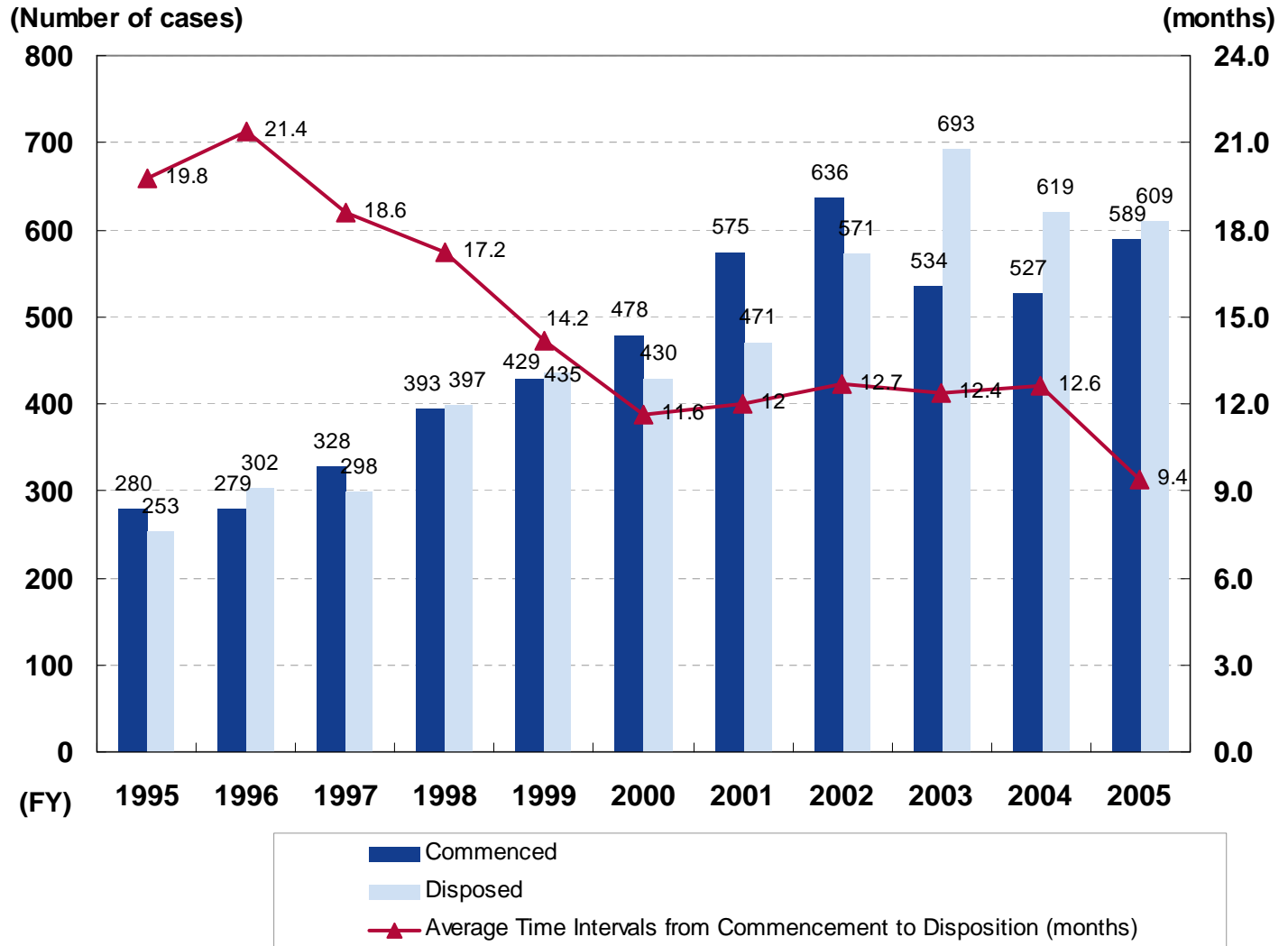
III . Small Backlog

Effect- Statistics



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