

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ROBERT BOSCH LLC and MERCEDES-BENZ USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

WESTPORT FUEL SYSTEMS CANADA INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00292 (Patent 6,298,829 B1)
IPR2023-00293 (Patent 6,575,138 B1)¹

Before NEIL T. POWELL, CARL M. DEFRANCO, and
FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion
for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Decision applies to each of the listed proceedings. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

With authorization from the Board, Westport Fuel Systems Canada Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed an unopposed Motion requesting authorization for withdrawal and substitution of counsel in each of the above-listed proceedings (collectively, “Motions”).² Paper 12. The Motions request authorization to withdraw lead counsel Derek Forinash. *Id.* at 2. Patent Owner substitutes David Higer as lead counsel. *Id.* Patent Owner also adds Phillip Philbin and Jamie McDole as back-up counsel, and reports that Miranda Jones is remaining as back-up counsel but is now affiliated with Winstead PC. *Id.*; see 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a) (“If a party is represented by counsel, the party must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel”). Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 12, 3.

Patent Owner filed updated Mandatory Notices and Powers of Attorney listing David Higer (Reg. No. 74,910) as lead counsel, and Miranda Jones (Reg. No. 64,721), Phillip Philbin (Reg. No. 35,979), and Jamie McDole (Reg. No. 69,875) as back-up counsel. Papers 13, 14.

The Motions are *granted*.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motions to Withdraw Derek Forinash as lead counsel in the above-listed proceedings are *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that David Higer is substituted as lead counsel and Phillip Philbin and Jamie McDole are added as back-up counsel.

² All citations are to IPR2023-00292 with the understanding that IPR2023-00293 includes papers having substantially the same substantive content.

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