

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HILTON DOMESTIC OPERATING COMPANY, INC.,¹
Petitioner,

v.

R2 SOLUTIONS LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00666 (Patent 8,341,157 B2)
IPR2023-00689 (Patent 8,190,610 B2)
IPR2023-00690 (Patent 7,698,329 B2)
IPR2023-00887 (Patent 8,209,317 B2)²

Before ST. JOHN COURTENAY III, JOHN A. HUDALLA, and
KRISTIL R. SAWERT, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER

Granting Petitioner's Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Substitute
Counsel

37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ The proceedings were terminated as to Petitioner American Airlines, Inc.
See IPR2023-00666, Paper 12.

² The parties are not authorized to use this style caption.

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Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel on August 11, 2023, pursuant to Board authorization. Paper 14 (“Motion”).³ The Motion requests authorization to withdraw lead counsel John Campbell and backup counsel Raphael Chabaneix and Steven Peters in the above-identified proceedings.⁴ *Id.* at 2. Petitioner seeks to substitute as lead counsel Kyle Smith, who was previously of record as backup counsel. *Id.* Petitioner notes that David E. Finkelson, who was previously admitted *pro hac vice*, will remain as backup counsel. *Id.* Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* at 3.

Petitioner filed an Updated Mandatory Notice listing Kyle Smith as lead counsel and David E. Finkelson as backup counsel. Paper 13, 1. Petitioner previously filed a Power of Attorney appointing Mr. Smith and Mr. Finkelson. Paper 2, 3.

The Motion is *granted*.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion to Withdraw John Campbell, Raphael Chabaneix, and Steven Peters as counsel in these proceedings is *granted*; and

³ This Decision cites to papers filed in IPR2023-00666. Corresponding papers were filed in the other proceedings listed above.

⁴ Petitioner also seeks the withdrawal of Geoffrey Smith, but states that Geoffrey Smith’s “*Pro Hac Vice* motion has not been filed or entered.” Motion 2. Under those circumstances, we perceive no need for formal withdrawal and consider Petitioner’s request to withdraw Geoffrey Smith moot.

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FURTHER ORDERED that Kyle Smith is recognized as lead counsel for Petitioner, effective as of the date of this Order.

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