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Paper 69
Date: July 23, 2024

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

DDC TECHNOLOGY, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00707 (Patent 9,420,075 B2)
IPR2023-00708 (Patent 9,811,184 B2)
IPR2023-00709 (Patent 10,528,199 B2)
IPR2023-00711 (Patent 11,093,001 B1)[1]

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, *Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge*, SHEILA F. MCSHANE, MICHAEL T. CYGAN, and JULIET MITCHELL DIRBA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.[2]

DIRBA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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[1] This Decision addresses an issue that is identical in all four proceedings, so we exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be docketed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this caption.

[2] This is not an expanded panel of the Board; rather, the listed judges are paneled in various groups in these proceedings.

On July 17, 2024, with our prior authorization, Google LLC ("Petitioner") filed a Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 67 ("Motion" or "Mot.").[3] Petitioner requests that Kimani P. Clark be permitted to withdraw as back-up counsel from these proceedings. *Id.* at 1. Petitioner seeks to designate Mark Liang as new back-up counsel. *Id.* In addition, Petitioner represents that "[t]he withdrawal will not cause any material prejudice to any party or any delay in th[ese] proceeding[s]." *Id.* Petitioner also represents that the Motion is unopposed. *Id*. at 2.

Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding only with Board authorization. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Upon review of the record before us, we grant Petitioner's Motion. We note that Petitioner has already filed updated mandatory notices and an updated power of attorney identifying Mr. Liang as back-up counsel and omitting Mr. Clark. Paper 65, 5; Paper 66.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel (IPR2023-00707, Paper 67; IPR2023-00708, Paper 66; IPR2023-00709, Paper 65; IPR2023-00711, Paper 65) is *granted* and Mr. Clark is withdrawn from these proceedings.

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[3] We cite only to the papers in IPR2023-00707, but substantially similar papers were filed in each of the proceedings.

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