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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)
IPR2023-00710 (Patent 11,093,000 B2)
IPR2023-00711 (Patent 11,093,001 B1)[1]

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, *Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge*, PATRICK M. BOUCHER, SHEILA F. MCSHANE, and JULIET MITCHELL DIRBA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.[2]

DIRBA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner'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 five proceeding, 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 September 28, 2023, with our prior authorization, DDC Technology, LLC ("Patent Owner") filed a Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel in each of the above-captioned proceedings on. Paper 24 ("Motion" or "Mot.").[3] Patent Owner requests that Matthew C. Holohan be permitted to withdraw as lead counsel from these proceedings because he is no longer affiliated with Sheridan Ross P.C., Patent Owner's outside law firm, as of September 30, 2023. *Id.* at 1. Patent Owner seeks to designate Robert Brunelli as new lead counsel and Brian Boerman as new back-up counsel. *Id.* Patent Owner has filed an updated power of attorney that includes Mr. Brunelli and Mr. Boerman (Paper 23) as well as updated mandatory notices reflecting the proposed changes (Paper 22). In addition, the Motion states that the "withdrawal will not cause any material prejudice to any party or any delay in this proceeding." Mot. 1. Patent Owner 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 Patent Owner's Motions.

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

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for Withdrawal of Counsel (IPR2023-00707, Paper 24; IPR2023-00708, Paper 25; IPR2023-00709, Paper 24; IPR2023-00710, Paper 15; IPR2023-00711, Paper 24) are *granted* and Mr. Holohan is withdrawn from the proceedings.

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