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Paper 13
Entered: August 18, 2023

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 KRISTI L. 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.

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

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[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.

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

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