

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC.; INSTAGRAM, INC.; WHATSAPP LLC;
META PLATFORMS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC; AND GIPHY, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

VL COLLECTIVE IP LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-00923 (Patent 7,266,682 B2)
IPR2023-00924 (Patent 7,436,980 B2)¹

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, JEFFREY S. SMITH, and
DAVID C. McKONE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SMITH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motions for Admission
Pro Hac Vice of Jaime F. Cardenas-Navia
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

¹ This Order addresses issues that are the same in each of the above-listed proceedings. We issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this heading style in any subsequent papers.

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On September 8, 2023, Patent Owner filed motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Jaime F. Cardenas-Navia in each of the above-identified proceedings. Paper 12 (collectively “Motions”).² Patent Owner indicates that the Motions are unopposed. *Id.* at 1. The Motion in each case is supported by a Declaration of Mr. Cardenas-Navia. Ex. 2001 (collectively “Declarations”).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we determine that all requirements for admission *pro hac vice* have been met and there is good cause to admit Mr. Cardenas-Navia *pro hac vice*.

Patent Owner also filed Powers of Attorney listing Mr. Cardenas-Navia in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 5. For IPR2023-00924, Updated Mandatory Notices have also been filed identifying Mr. Cardenas-Navia as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). *See* IPR2023-00924, Paper 8. However, for IPR2023-00923, Updated Mandatory Notices have *not* been filed identifying Mr. Cardenas-Navia as back-up counsel.

Accordingly, it is

ORDER

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Jaime F. Cardenas-Navia for the above-identified proceedings are *granted*;

² For expediency, we refer to Paper numbers filed in IPR2023-00923. Similar Papers were filed in IPR2023-00924.

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FURTHER ORDERED that for IPR2023-00923, within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, Patent Owner shall file Updated Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Cardenas-Navia as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3);

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the above-identified proceedings, but that Mr. Cardenas-Navia is authorized to act as back-up counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Cardenas-Navia shall comply with the updated Office Patent Trial Practice Guide³ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Cardenas-Navia is subject to the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth at 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101–11.901.

³ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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