

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MURRAY & POOLE ENTERPRISES LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

INSTITUT DE CARDIOLOGIE DE MONTREAL,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-01064
Patent 11,400,063 B2

Before ULRIKE W. JENKS and ZHENYU YANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

JENKS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Matthew T. Wilkerson
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

Patent Owner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Matthew T. Wilkerson. Paper 18 (“Motion”). Patent Owner submitted a Corrected Declaration of Matthew T. Wilkerson in support of the Motion. Ex. 2052.¹ Petitioner has not opposed the Motion. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner’s Motion is *conditionally granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), the Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Corrected Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Wilkerson has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 2052. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Wilkerson. Mr.

¹ Patent Owner submitted the Corrected Declaration after the Board emailed the parties inviting Patent Owner to file a corrected declaration to remedy certain deficiencies. *See* Ex. 3003.

Wilkerson will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that a Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) has not been submitted for Mr. Wilkerson. Therefore, Patent Owner's Motion is *conditionally granted*, and the grant will become effective after Patent Owner files a Power of Attorney for Mr. Wilkerson.

Patent Owner also has not filed an updated Mandatory Notice identifying Mr. Wilkerson as back-up counsel. Patent Owner must therefore file an updated Mandatory Notice identifying Mr. Wilkerson as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Matthew T. Wilkerson is *conditionally granted*, provided that within ten (10) business days of the date of this order, Patent Owner submits a Power of Attorney for Mr. Wilkerson in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file an updated Mandatory Notice identifying Mr. Wilkerson 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 this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Wilkerson is authorized to act as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Wilkerson be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide² (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Wilkerson is subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*

² Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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