

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BILLERUD AKTIEBOLAG (PUBL)

Petitioner,

v.

WESTROCK MWV, LLC.

Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2023-01206

Patent No. 11,293,142

**DECLARATION OF THAD M. BARNES, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §42.10 (c)**

I, Thad M. Barnes, declare as follows:

1. I am member of Stites & Harbison PLLC, a law firm that represents Billerud Aktiebolag (Publ) in connection with the current proceeding as well as in other matters.
2. I am an experienced litigator who has been in private practice since October 1993. I have been litigating patent cases for the past 15 years and have represented clients in numerous actions involving patent infringement and validity assertions.
3. I am a member in good standing of the Bars of the State of Kentucky and State of Tennessee. I am also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third, Sixth, and Seventh Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and the Western District of Tennessee.
4. I am well-familiar with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding and Petitioner wishes that I serve as one of its counsel in this proceeding. I have extensively reviewed U.S. Patent No. 11,293,142, the prosecution history, as well as all presently-cited prior art and other papers and exhibits filing in connection with this proceeding.
5. I have never been suspended, disbarred, sanctioned, or cited for contempt by a court or administrative body.
6. I have never had a court or administrative body deny my application for admission to practice.
7. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of the C.F.R.

8. I agree to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 CFR §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 CFR § 11.19(a).

9. I have not appeared *pro hac vice* in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the past three (3) years.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: May 11, 2024

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Thad M. Barnes