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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

GEOSCOPE TECHNOLOGIES PTE. LTD,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-01209 (Patent 7,561,104 B2)
IPR2023-01210 (Patent 8,400,358 B2)
IPR2023-01211 (Patent 8,786,494 B2)
IPR2023-01212 (Patent 8,406,753 B2)
IPR2023-01213 (Patent 9,097,784 B2)
IPR2023-01214 (Patent 8,320,264 B2)[1]

Before PATRICK R. SCANLON, SHEILA F. McSHANE, and SEAN P. O'HANLON, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

SCANLON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice*
Admission of Christopher M. Gerson
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

[1] This Order addresses issues that are the same in each of the identified proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

On October 3, 2023, Patent Owner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Christopher M. Gerson in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 6 ("Motion").[2] Patent Owner also filed a Declaration of Mr. Gerson in support of the Motion. Ex. 2001 ("Declaration"). Patent Owner represents that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *See* Motion 1 (stating that "Petitioner consents to this motion"). For the reasons provided below, the Motion is *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we 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. The representative Order authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission requires a statement of facts showing there is good cause for us to recognize counsel *pro hac vice*, and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear. *See* Paper 3, 2 (citing *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission")).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Gerson has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in the above-captioned proceedings, that Mr. Gerson has demonstrated sufficient familiarity with the subject

[2] For purposes of expediency, we cite to the Motion and Declaration filed in IPR2023-01209, unless otherwise indicated. Patent Owner filed a similar Motion and Declaration in IPR2023-01210, IPR2023-01211, IPR2023-01212, IPR2023-01213, and IPR2023-01214.

matter of the proceedings, and that Mr. Gerson meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. We further conclude that Patent Owner's interest in being represented in the above-captioned proceedings by counsel with litigation experience weighs in favor of granting the Motion. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Gerson. Mr. Gerson will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Patent Owner submitted a Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) for Mr. Gerson. Paper 5, 1. In addition, Patent Owner's mandatory notices identify Mr. Gerson as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 4, 2.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Christopher M. Gerson in each of the above-captioned proceedings (IPR2023-01209, Paper 6; IPR2023-01210, Paper 6; IPR2023-01211, Paper 6; IPR2023-01212, Paper 6; IPR2023-01213, Paper 6; and IPR2023-01214, Paper 6) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Gerson is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in the above-captioned proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in the above-captioned proceedings;

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Gerson is to comply with the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[3] (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of 37 C.F.R.; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Gerson shall be 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.*

[3] *Available at* https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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