

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WENZHOU XIN XIN SANITARY WARE CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

DELTA FAUCET COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

IPR2023-01332
Patent 11,473,277 B2

Before DONNA M. PRAISS, JEFFREY W. ABRAHAM, and
JANE E. INGLESE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

INGLESE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On December 21, 2023, Delta Faucet Company (“Patent Owner”) filed a Motion to Withdraw Counsel requesting Board authorization to withdraw George D. Moustakas as lead counsel because “Mr. Moustakas will be retiring at the end of this year.” Paper 9, 2. Patent Owner indicates that David P. Utykanski (Reg. No. 39,052, previously designated as back-up counsel), has been designated as the new lead counsel, and requests appointment of Michael P. Doerr (Reg. No. 52,825) as the new back-up counsel. *Id.*

Patent Owner has filed a Power of Attorney including David P. Utykanski and Michael P. Doerr in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 11. Patent Owner has also filed a Mandatory Notice identifying David P. Utykanski as lead counsel, and Michael P. Doerr as back-up counsel, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 10.

Patent Owner represents that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Paper 9, 2.

Upon review of the record before us, for the reasons set forth in the Motion, Patent Owner’s request to withdraw George D. Moustakas as lead counsel and appoint Michael P. Doerr as back-up counsel in the above-identified proceeding, is *granted*.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion to withdraw George D. Moustakas as counsel in the above-identified proceeding is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Michael P. Doerr is recognized as back-up counsel for Patent Owner in the above-identified proceeding, effective as of the date of this Order.

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