

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PETITIONER PLANTING LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

MASCHIO GASPARDO S.p.A.,

Patent Owner.

U.S. Patent No. 8,770,121

IPR Case No. IPR2024-00008

**DECLARATION OF ASHLEY E. SHAPIRO IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

I, Ashley E. Shapiro, declare as follows:

1. I was admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bars in 2008, and the New York Bar in 2018. My practice has focused nearly exclusively on litigation since 2008.

2. I am a partner in the law firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, working in the firm's Philadelphia, PA office.

3. I am an experienced litigation attorney. My experience includes fact and expert document and deposition discovery, motion practice, hearings, and trials.

4. I am a member in good standing in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York Bars.

5. My Pennsylvania Bar membership number is 209290; New Jersey Bar membership number is 011082008; and New York Bar membership number is 5627781.

6. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

7. I have never had a court or administrative body deny my application for admission to practice.

8. I have never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed by any court or administrative body.

9. I have read and will comply with the Patent Office Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules for Practice for Trials, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Part 42.

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

11. I have not applied to appear *pro hac vice* in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the last three years.

12. I am intimately familiar with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. The subject of this *inter partes* review is U.S. Patent No. 8,770,121. I have a thorough understanding of this patent, its prosecution history, and the Petitioner's proposed claim constructions. I also have assisted drafting, reviewed, and have developed a strong familiarity with all of the Papers and accompanying Exhibits filed in this proceeding.

13. 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 are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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Respectfully submitted,

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