

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AFFORDABLE WIRE MANAGEMENT, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

CAMBRIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND
HANDICAPPED, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2024-00178
U.S. Patent No. 11,349,291 B2

**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF AFFORDABLE WIRE MANAGEMENT, LLC
FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF MATTHEW S. GALICA**

I. Statement of Precise Relief Requested

Petitioner Affordable Wire Management, LLC (“AWM”) respectfully requests that the Board admit Matthew S. Galica *pro hac vice* in this proceeding under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Counsel for Patent Owner has indicated that Patent Owner does not oppose this motion.

II. Statement of Facts Showing Good Cause for the Board to Recognize Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* during the Proceeding

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), the Board may admit counsel *pro hac vice* for good cause, subject to any other conditions that the Board may require, so long as lead counsel is a registered practitioner. Good cause includes when “counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

This application satisfies the requirements of Section 42.10(c):

1. Lead counsel, Kevin C. Amendt, the undersigned, is a registered Practitioner.
2. *Pro Hac Vice* Applicant, Mr. Matthew S. Galica, is an experienced patent litigator. As attested to in the accompanying Declaration dated July 2, 2024 (“Galica Declaration”), Exhibit 1027, ¶¶ 2, 3, Mr. Galica has over 10 years’ experience in numerous litigations involving patent infringement in District Courts throughout the United States and before the International Trade Commission. He

is a member at the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C. (“Mintz Levin”). *Id.* ¶ 1. Mr. Galica is a member in good standing of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with no suspensions or disbarments from practice, nor any application for admission to practice denied, nor any sanctions or contempt citations. *Id.* ¶¶ 2, 6. He is also admitted to practice before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. *Id.* ¶ 2.

3. Mr. Galica has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding, as well as the parallel litigation involving U.S. Patent No. 11,349,291 (“the ’291 Patent”) filed by Patent Owner in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (Civil Action No. 1:23-cv-00080-SRF). Galica Declaration ¶ 4. He has reviewed and is familiar with all the relevant materials for this matter, including the case pleadings, the ’291 Patent, its prosecution history, and the prior art references that are the subject of this *inter partes* review proceeding. In addition, Mr. Galica has a thorough understanding of the grounds of unpatentability asserted in the Petition and the challenged claims of the ’291 Patent. *Id.* ¶ 5.

4. Mr. Galica has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, the Trial Practice Guide updates, and the Board’s Rules for Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of the C.F.R., and he agrees to be subject to

the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq., and to disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). *Id.* at ¶¶ 7-8.

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner AWM respectfully requests that the Board admit Matthew S. Galica *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Dated: July 2, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of Motion by Affordable Wire Management, LLC for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Matthew S. Galica and Affordable Wire Management, LLC's Exhibit 1027 was served by electronic mail on the following counsel of record:

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