

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.

IPR2024-00178
Patent 11,349,291 B2

Before JAMES P. CALVE, FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, and
NATHAN A. ENGELS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice*
Admission of Carson M. Shea in IPR2024-00178
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On September 5, 2024, Patent Owner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Carson M. Shea in the above-identified proceeding. Paper 39. Patent Owner submitted a declaration from Mr. Shea. Ex. 2040. Patent Owner indicates Petitioner does not oppose the motion. Paper 39, 1. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner's motion is *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), the Board 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. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See 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. Shea has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in the above-identified proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Carson M. Shea in IPR2024-00178 is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shea is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in IPR2024-00178;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shea be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide¹ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shea is 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.*

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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