

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PLR WORLDWIDE SALES LIMITED,
Petitioner,

v.

FLIP PHONE GAMES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00132 (Patent 9,731,202 B2)
IPR2024-00171 (Patent 10,617,958 B2)
IPR2024-00200 (Patent 11,117,056 B2)
IPR2024-00209 (Patent 9,427,662 B2)¹

Before DAVID C. McKONE, DANIEL J. GALLIGAN, and
SCOTT B. HOWARD, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McKONE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of
Steven D. Moore
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Order addresses issues common to each of these proceedings and we use this caption for efficiency. The parties may not use this style heading in any subsequent papers without authorization.

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On August 21, 2024, Patent Owner filed motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Steven D. Moore in these proceedings. Paper 15.² The Motion relies on a Declaration from Mr. Moore, contained within the Motion.³ *Id.* at 4–6. Patent Owner indicates that the Motion is unopposed. Paper 15, 3. Patent Owner also has filed Mandatory Notices and Powers of Attorney identifying Mr. Moore. Papers 13, 14.

Pursuant to 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 its notice authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires 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 this proceeding. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB 2013) (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. Moore has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in these proceedings, that he has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and that he meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good

² We refer to IPR2024-00132. Similar papers were filed in IPR2024-00171, IPR2024-00200, and IPR2024-00209.

³ Petitioner is reminded that affidavits and declarations must be filed as exhibits. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.63(a).

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cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Moore, who will be permitted to serve only as back-up counsel. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

ORDER

It is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Steven D. Moore are *granted*, and Mr. Moore is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in each proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Moore is to be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (November 2019), *available at* <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>, and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Moore is subject to the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth at 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101–11.901.

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