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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SECURITY FIRST INNOVATIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00212 (Patent 11,178,116 B2)
IPR2024-00214 (Patent 11,068,609 B2)
IPR2024-00215 (Patent 10,452,854 B2)[1]

Before THOMAS L. GIANNETTI, JASON M. REPKO
STEPHEN E. BELISLE, and DANIEL KAZHDAN,
Administrative Patent Judges.[2]

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Haley M. Sanders
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission from the Board.
[2] This is not an expanded panel. Judge Kazhdan is paneled only on IPR2024-00212. Judge Repko is not paneled on that case.

On February 12, 2025, Patent Owner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Haley M. Sanders in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively "Motions"). Paper 30.[3] Patent Owner also submitted a Declaration from Haley M. Sanders in each proceeding in support of the Motions (collectively "Declarations"). Ex. 2047.[4] Patent Owner states that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 30, 1. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner's Motions are *conditionally 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 Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Ms. Sanders has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission

[3] We cite to Papers filed in IPR2024-00212. Patent Owner filed similar motions in IPR2024-00214 (Paper 34) and IPR2024-00215 (Paper 33).
[4] We cite to Exhibits filed in IPR2024-00212. Patent Owner filed similar declarations in IPR2024-00214 (Ex. 2047) and IPR2024-00215 (Ex. 2047).

pro hac vice. *See* Ex. 2047. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Sanders.

Upon review of the record before us, we note that a Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) has not been submitted for Ms. Sanders. In view of this, and for the reasons set forth below, Patent Owner's Motions are *conditionally granted*. Ms. Sanders' *pro hac vice* admission will become effective upon filing by Patent Owner a of a Power of Attorney appointing Ms. Sanders as back-up counsel.

Patent Owner has not filed updated mandatory notices identifying Ms. Sanders as back-up attorney. Therefore, Patent Owner must also file an updated mandatory notice identifying Ms. Sanders as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Haley M. Sanders are *conditionally granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that her admission as back-up counsel will become effective provided that within ten business days of the date of this order, Patent Owner submits a Power of Attorney appointing Ms. Sanders as a back-up counsel in each of the above-listed proceedings in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file promptly updated mandatory notices identifying Ms. Sanders as back-up counsel in the above-listed proceedings in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3);

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Sanders is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Sanders become familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[5] (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 Ms. Sanders 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.*

[5] *Available at* https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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