

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SECURITY FIRST INNOVATIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00214 (Patent 11,068,609 B2)
IPR2024-00215 (Patent 10,452,854 B2)¹

Before THOMAS L. GIANNETTI, JASON M. REPKO, and
STEPHEN E. BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Nathan R. Speed
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

¹ This Order addresses substantively identical motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to cover both proceedings. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading in any subsequent papers.

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Petitioner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Nathan R. Speed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 8 (“Motion”).² Petitioner submitted a Declaration of Nathan R. Speed in support of each Motion. Ex. 1068. Petitioner attests that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motions. Motion 1. For the reasons provided below, Petitioner’s Motions are *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, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (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 Mr. Speed has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 1068. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Speed. Mr. Speed will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

² This Order cites to papers and exhibits filed in IPR2024-00214. Corresponding items were filed in IPR2024-00215.

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We note that Petitioner filed Powers of Attorney including Mr. Speed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 1. Petitioner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Speed as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 2, x.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Nathan R. Speed are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Speed is authorized to act as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Speed comply with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019))³ and 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. Speed 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.*

³ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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