

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

UMBRA TECHNOLOGIES LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00270 (Patent 11,108,595 B2)
IPR2024-00344 (Patent 11,146,632 B2)
IPR2024-00497 (Patent 10,630,505 B2)
IPR2024-00498 (Patent 10,574,482 B2)

Before ST. JOHN COURTENAY, III, MICHAEL R. ZECHER, and
GREGG I. ANDERSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM

ORDER¹

Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion for
Substitution and Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate that IPR2024-00270, IPR2024-00344, IPR2024-00497, and IPR2024-00498 have been joined. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Patent Owner, UMBRA Technologies Ltd. (“UMBRA”), filed an Unopposed Motion for Substitution and Withdrawal of Counsel in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively “Motions”). Paper 14.² Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a) and (e), a party must designate a lead counsel and at least one back up counsel, and counsel may not withdraw unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal.

In its Motions, UMBRA requests authorization to withdraw back-up counsel, Michael A. Dorfman, in the above-identified proceedings. Paper 14, 2.³ UMBRA also seeks to replace lead counsel Greg H. Gardella with Jason M. Shapiro, move Mr. Gardella from lead counsel to back-up counsel, and to designate Timothy Devlin and James M. Lennon as new back-up counsel. Paper 14, 2. UMBRA has filed an updated power-of-attorney superseding all previous ones that identifies the new counsel of record, together with corresponding updated mandatory notices. Papers 11–12. UMBRA indicates that Petitioner, Cisco Systems, Inc., does not oppose these Motions. Paper 14, 2.

² For purposes of expediency, we cite to Papers filed in IPR2024-00270 unless otherwise indicated. UMBRA filed similar motions IPR2024-00344 (Paper 22), IPR2024-00497 (Paper 14), and IPR2024-00498 (Paper 20).

³ UMBRA further requests authorization to withdraw W. Cook Alciati as counsel in IPR2024-00344 and IPR2024-00498. IPR2024-00344, Paper 22, 2; IPR2024-00498, Paper 20, 2. Because UMBRA’s requests for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Alciati have not yet been granted, we do not consider Mr. Alciati to be counsel of record in IPR2024-00344 and IPR2024-00498 and, as a result, we do not reach UMBRA’s requests to withdraw Mr. Alciati from these two proceedings.

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Under these particular circumstances, we determine that good cause exists to allow UMBRA's back-up counsel, Mr. Dorfman, to withdraw from these proceedings, and to allow UMBRA to designate new lead and back-up counsel.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that UMBRA's Unopposed Motions for Substitution and Withdrawal of Counsel in the above-identified proceedings are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that UMBRA may withdraw its back-up counsel, Michael A. Dorfman, from these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that UMBRA's Motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of W. Cook Alciati (IPR2024-00344, Paper 7 and IPR2024-00498, Paper 7) are *dismissed* as moot; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Jason M. Shapiro is recognized as UMBRA's new lead counsel, Greg H. Gardella is now recognized as UMBRA's back-up counsel, and Timothy Devlin and James M. Lennon are recognized as UMBRA's new back-up counsel in these proceedings.

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