

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TRANSCORE, LP,
Petitioner,

v.

HAND HELD PRODUCTS, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00391 (Patent 8,141,784 B2)
IPR2024-00443 (Patent 8,919,654 B2)¹

Before SCOTT A. DANIELS, CHRISTOPHER M. KAISER, and
LISA L. TSANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Zachary Coots
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Order addresses issues that are the same in all above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading in subsequent papers.

On February 15, 2024, Petitioner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Zachary Coots. Paper 8 (“Motion” or “Mot.”).² Petitioner also submitted a Declaration from Mr. Coots in support of the Motion. Ex. 1019 (“Decl.”). Petitioner has already submitted Mandatory Notices that identify Mr. Coots. Paper 1, 88–89. Petitioner indicates the motion is unopposed. Mot. 1.

For the reasons provided below, Petitioner’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. Coots has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in this proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See Decl.*

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

² We refer to the Exhibit and Papers in IPR2024-00391. Similar documents were filed in IPR2024-00443.

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In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Zachary Coots is granted;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall submit, within ten (10) business days of the date of this order, a Power of Attorney for Mr. Coots in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) in these proceedings;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Coots is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Coots comply with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide³ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and 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. Coots 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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