

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

LULULEMON USA INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

NIKE, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00460
Patent 8,266,749 B2

Before KEN B. BARRETT, MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, and
SCOTT A. DANIELS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BARRETT, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

Patent Owner Nike, Inc. filed a motion requesting withdrawal of Lindsey C. Staubach as backup counsel in this matter. Paper 33. Patent Owner states that “Ms. Staubach is leaving the firm of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP effective October 17, 2025, and will no longer represent Nike in this matter,” and that “Nike’s motion does not impact the appointment of lead counsel or other backup counsel identified in Nike’s Mandatory Notices.” *Id.* at 1 (citing Paper 6). Patent Owner represents that the motion is unopposed. *Id.*

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one backup counsel, and lead counsel must be a registered practitioner. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). After the requested withdrawal, Patent Owner will continue to be represented by a lead counsel that is a registered practitioner and by at least one backup counsel. *See* Paper 6 (Patent Owner’s mandatory notice listing Christopher J. Renk (Reg. No. 33,761) as lead counsel along with backup counsel).

It is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s motion is *granted* and Lindsey C. Staubach is authorized to withdraw as backup counsel in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Lindsey C. Staubach is no longer recognized as counsel in this proceeding.

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