

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Petitioner,

v.

BLACKHAWK NETWORK INC.,
Patent Owner

U.S. Patent No. 11,488,451

Case No. IPR2024-00465

**DECLARATION OF JASON HOFFMAN IN
SUPPORT OF PATENT OWNER'S
MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION**

I, Jason F. Hoffman, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Maryland and of the District of Columbia. I have also been admitted to practice in the following courts: United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; United States District Court for the District of Columbia; United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; United States District for the District of Maryland; and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

2. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

3. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.

4. No sanction or contempt citation has been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations.

6. I will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

7. Within the past three years, I have applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in the following inter partes review proceedings:

Case Name	Case Number	Dates Pending
Trend Micro, Inc. v. Kajeet, Inc.	IPR2023-00178	Nov. 10, 2022 – Sept. 1, 2023
Gen Digital Inc. v. Kajeet, Inc.	IPR2022-00001	Oct. 1, 2021 – Apr. 13, 2023
Interactive Communications International, Inc. v. Blackhawk Network Inc.	IPR2023-01235	July 21, 2023 - present

The Board granted my applications for *pro hac vice* in both proceedings.

8. I have been practicing law for 26 years, and have been practicing in the field of intellectual property, and particularly, patent litigation, for over 23 years. I regularly litigate patent infringement cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and in various federal district courts. I have substantial experience in jury trials, discovery, claim construction, summary judgment, and appeals.

9. I have particular experience and familiarity with the substance and technical issues involved in this Inter Partes Review. I currently represent Patent

Owner in *Blackhawk Network, Inc. v. SL Card Company Inc. d/b/a Linq3*, No. CV 2022-051638 (Superior Court of Arizona, County of Maricopa), a state court breach of contract case that involves the same technical subject matter as the subject matter disclosed and claimed by U.S. Patent No. 9,865,135, the patent at issue in this *inter partes* review.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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