

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PORTSMOUTH NETWORK CORP.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00505
Patent 6,917,986 B2

Before JUSTIN T. ARBES, CHARLES J. BOUDREAU, and
PETER D. SHAPIRO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SHAPIRO, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

On January 31, 2025, Petitioner filed an unopposed motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Jordan Owens. Paper 18 (“Motion” or “Mot.”). Petitioner also submitted a Declaration from Ms. Owens in support of the Motion. Ex. 1016 (“Decl.”). A Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 42.10(b), and Updated Mandatory Notices, identifying Ms. Owens¹ as backup counsel, were filed. *See* Papers 1, 15. Petitioner indicates Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. Mot. § I.

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 Ms. Owens has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in this proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Decl. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for *pro hac*

¹ The Power of Attorney states it includes “All attorneys at Desmarais LLP for whom a motion to appear *pro hac vice* is filed.” Paper 1, 1.

vice admission of Ms. Owens. Ms. Owens will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

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

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Owens is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Owens be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide² (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Owens 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.*

² Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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