

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Next Step Group, Inc.
Petitioner

v.

Deckers Outdoor Corporation
Patent Owner

Design Patent No. D927,161
Case No. 2024-00525

**PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR REFUND
OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE**

Next Step Group, Inc. v. Deckers Outdoor Corporation
Inter Partes Review of U.S. Design Patent No. D927,161

Pursuant to the Final Rule Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees (78 Fed. Reg. 4232–4234), Next Step Group, Inc. (“Petitioner”) respectfully requests a refund of the mandatory inter partes post institution fee payment in the amount of \$22,500.00 to be paid to Deposit Account Number 50-1604 (Customer No. 28083).

On January 30, 2024, Petitioner filed a petition for inter partes review of U.S. Patent No. D927,161 which was assigned case number IPR2024-00525. Among the fees paid concurrently with filing the petition were \$22,500.00 in post-institution fees.

On August 6, 2024, the Board entered a decision denying institution of inter partes review (Paper 16). Accordingly, Petitioner requests a refund in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the post-institution fees paid in connection with this proceeding.

Dated: August 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

By: /Morris E. Cohen/
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e)(4), I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITIONER’S REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE is being served electronically on August 23, 2024, by email upon the Patent Owner’s litigation counsel of record:

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