

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CEVA SANTÉ ANIMALE S.A.,
EGG-CHICK AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES S.A.S, and
CEVA ANIMAL HEALTH, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

TARGAN, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00595
Patent 10,806,124

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, MICHELLE N. WORMMEESTER, and
BRIAN P. MURPHY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MURPHY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice*
Admission of Matthew Robson
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On October 16, 2024, Patent Owner filed a motion (Paper 13, “Motion”) requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Matthew Robson. Patent Owner filed a declaration (Ex. 2001, “Declaration”) from Mr. Robson in support of the Motion. Petitioner has not filed an opposition to the Motion.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause. 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. Robson has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, that Mr. Robson has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and that Mr. Robson meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. See Declaration ¶¶ 1–9. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Robson.

Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney that includes Mr. Robson. Paper 12. Patent Owner also filed updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Robson as back-up counsel. Paper 11.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Robson is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the instant proceeding, but that Mr. Robson is authorized to act as back-up counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Robson comply with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide¹ (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; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Robson 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.*

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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