UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FLUIDMASTER, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

DANCO, INC.,

Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00634
Patent 9,103,105 B2

DECLARATION OF ERIC G. MAURER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*

I, Eric G. Maurer, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of PERILLA KNOX & HILDEBRANDT LLP, an intellectual property law firm based in Atlanta, Georgia, and counsel for Patent Owner Danco, Inc. ("Danco"). I was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in June of 1999 and have been practicing law for over 23 years. My practice has focused on the field of intellectual property, and in particular, patent litigation.

2. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia. My State Bar of Georgia membership number is 478199. I am admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts of the Northern District of Georgia, the Eastern District of Texas, the Eastern District of Michigan, and the Western District of Texas. I am also admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Tenth and Federal Circuits.

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

4. I have never had a court or administrative body deny my application for admission to practice.

5. I have never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed on me by any court or administrative body.

6. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Part 42.

7. I agree to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office 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).

8. Danco is concurrently filing a motion for me to appear *pro hac vice* in IPR2024-00633 and IPR2024-00635. I have not applied to appear *pro hac vice* in any other proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the last three years.

9. I am familiar with the subject matter of the patent at issue in this proceeding – namely, U.S. Patent No. 9,103,105 ("the '105 Patent") and its file history – based on my work as intellectual property counsel for Danco. I currently represent Danco in certain matters related to the subject matter of this proceeding, including pending litigation in the Central District of California involving the '105 Patent and two other patents directed to technology related to the '105 Patent, in an action captioned *Danco Inc. v. Fluidmaster Inc. et al*, Case No. 8:23-cv-01156-AB-DFM. I also represented Danco in a litigation in the Eastern District of Texas involving another patent directed to technology similar to the '105 Patent, U.S. Patent Nos. 8,943,620 and 9,181,687, in an action captioned *Danco, Inc. v. Fluidmaster Inc.*, Case No. 5:16-cv-00073-

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10. 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 are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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Respectfully submitted,

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