UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FLUIDMASTER, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

DANCO, INC.,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2024-00634
Patent 9,103,105 B2

PATENT OWNER DANCO, INC.'S
MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF ERIC G. MAURER

I. Statement of Precise Relief Requested

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) and the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 3) authorizing the filing of motions for admission *pro hac vice*, Patent Owner Danco, Inc. ("Danco") requests that the Board admit Eric G. Maurer *pro hac vice* in this proceeding, IPR2024-00634.

II. Statement of Facts Showing Good Cause for the Board to Recognize Counsel *Pro Hac Vice* for this Proceeding

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 and to any other conditions the Board may impose. Section 42.10(c) states that "where lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* by counsel who is not a registered practitioner may be granted upon a showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding."

The facts here establish good cause for the Board to recognize Eric Maurer *pro hac vice* in this proceeding:

1. Lead counsel, Jason M. Perilla, is a registered practitioner. Back-up counsel, Kenneth A. Knox, is also a registered practitioner.

2. Eric Maurer is an experienced litigator and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. Accompanying this motion as

Exhibit 2001 is the Declaration of Eric G. Maurer in Support of this Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*. In his declaration, Mr. Maurer asserts that he is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts of the Northern District of Georgia, the Eastern District of Texas, the Eastern District of Michigan, and the Western District of Texas and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Tenth and Federal Circuits. Ex. 2001, ¶ 2. Mr. Maurer also demonstrates that he has a detailed working knowledge of the subject matter of the patent at issue in this proceeding – namely U.S. Patent No. 9,103,105 ("the '105 Patent") – through his representation of Patent Owner Danco, Inc., including as counsel in pending litigation involving the '105 Patent and two other patents with technology related to the '105 Patent. *Id.* at ¶ 9.

3. In his declaration, Mr. Maurer also attests to each of the listed items required by the Order – Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission – 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 in IPR2013-00639. Ex. 2001, ¶¶ 2-9. Mr. Maurer attests that he has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 52. *Id.* at ¶ 6. Mr. Maurer further attests that he agrees to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). *Id.* at ¶ 7.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Danco respectfully requests that the Board admit Eric G. Maurer *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Dated: May 29, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned herby certifies that on May 29, 2024, a copy of the foregoing PATENT OWNER DANCO, INC.'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF ERIC G. MAURER, and any supporting exhibits, were served on counsel of record for Petitioners as follows:

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