

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NOKIA OF AMERICA CORPORATION and
AT&T SERVICES, INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

IARNACH TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00899
Patent 9,806,892 B2

Before KARA L. SZPONDOWSKI, CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, and
JOHN R. KENNY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KENNY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Justin Chen
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On October 10, 2024, Patent Owner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Justin Chen. Paper 13 (“the Motion”). The Motion is supported by a declaration of Mr. Chen. Ex. 2006 (“the Declaration”). Petitioner has not filed an opposition to the Motion.

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, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (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. Chen meets the requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 2006 ¶¶ 1–10. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Chen. Mr. Chen will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Chen in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 12. Patent Owner has also submitted a Mandatory Notice identifying Mr. Chen as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 11.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Justin Chen is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent Patent Owner as lead counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Chen is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Chen be familiar 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. Chen 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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