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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

OURARING, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-00928 (Patent 9,582,034 B2)
IPR2024-01077 (Patent 10,139,859 B2)
IPR2024-01078 (Patent 10,281,953 B2)
PGR2024-00030 (Patent 11,868,178 B2)
PGR2024-00039 (Patent 11,874,702 B2)[1]

Before LINDA E. HORNER, NEIL T. POWELL, and
MICHAEL A. VALEK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Argirenia Zervos
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

[1] This Order addresses substantively identical motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to cover all proceedings. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

Petitioner filed Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Argirenia Zervos (Paper 27[2]) in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Petitioner submitted Declarations of Argirenia Zervos (Ex. 1084) in support of each Motion. For the reasons provided below, Petitioner's Motions are *granted*.

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 Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Ms. Zervos has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 1084, ¶¶ 1–9. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good

[2] This Order cites to items filed in IPR2024-00928. Corresponding items were filed in IPR2024-01077, IPR2024-01078, PGR2024-00030, and PGR2024-00039.

cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Zervos. Ms. Zervos will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Petitioner has filed Powers of Attorney including Ms. Zervos in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Papers 24, 25. Petitioner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Ms. Zervos as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 28.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Argirenia Zervos are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Zervos is authorized to act as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Zervos be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019))[3] and comply with 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 Ms. Zervos 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.*

[3] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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