

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

LIBERTY ENERGY, INC. and LIBERTY OILFIELD SERVICES, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

U.S. WELL SERVICES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01274
Patent 11,091,992 B2

Before ANNETTE R. REIMERS, GEORGE R. HOSKINS, and
SEAN P. O'HANLON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

REIMERS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

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

On May 30, 2025, Patent Owner filed a motion for admission *pro hac vice* of Mr. Richard Quarles in the above-identified proceeding. Paper 10 (“Mot.”). Patent Owner also filed a declaration of Mr. Quarles in support of the Motion. Ex. 2001. Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Mot. 3. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner’s Motion is *granted*.

Pursuant to 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 its notice authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires 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 this proceeding. *See* Paper 3, 2 (citing *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. Quarles has sufficient legal qualification to represent Patent Owner in the above-identified proceeding, that Mr. Quarles has demonstrated sufficient familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, that Mr. Quarles meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*, and that Patent Owner’s intent to be represented by counsel with litigation experience is warranted. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Quarles. Mr. Quarles

will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Patent Owner has filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Quarles in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 9. Patent Owner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Quarles as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 8.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Richard Quarles is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the above-identified proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Quarles is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Quarles is to comply with the 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. Quarles shall be 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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