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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GENIUS SPORTS LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

SPORTSCASTR INC. d/b/a PANDA INTERACTIVE,
Patent Owner.

IPR2024-01305 (Patent 10,805,687 B2)
IPR2024-01307 (Patent 10,805,687 B2)
IPR2024-01308 (Patent 10,425,697 B2)
IPR2024-01309 (Patent 10,425,697 B2)
IPR2024-01310 (Patent 11,039,218 B1)
IPR2024-01311 (Patent 11,039,218 B1)[1]

Before THU A. DANG, JENNIFER S. BISK, and
JOHN A. HUDALLA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HUDALLA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Denying Without Prejudice Petitioner's
Motions for Withdrawal of Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

[1] This Order addresses similar 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.

On October 6, 2025, with Board authorization, Petitioner filed a Motion to Withdraw Counsel ("Motions") in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 25.[2] Petitioner seeks to withdraw Michael T. Dinnella as back-up counsel because Mr. Dinnella "has terminated his employment with counsel for Genius, Kirkland & Ellis LLP." *Id.* at 1. Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motions. *Id.* For the reasons discussed below, we deny Petitioner's Motions without prejudice.

Petitioner asserts that, in the wake of Mr. Dinnella's intended withdrawal, W. Todd Baker and Jeanne M. Heffernan will continue as lead counsel and back-up counsel, respectively. Paper 25, 1. Nevertheless, Ms. Heffernan is not a registered practitioner and Ms. Heffernan has not been recognized *pro hac vice* in these proceedings. Furthermore, our rules require Petitioner to "designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel who can conduct business on behalf of the lead counsel." 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). Because granting the instant Motions would leave Petitioner without recognized back-up counsel in contravention of section 42.10(a), we deny Petitioner's Motions without prejudice. Petitioner may file renewed motions to withdraw Mr. Dinnella as back-up counsel once Petitioner designates substitute back-up counsel who is either a registered practitioner or has been recognized *pro hac vice*. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1), (c)(2).

[2] For expediency, we cite to the pertinent paper in IPR2024-001305. A similar paper was filed in each of the other above-captioned proceedings.

It is

ORDERED that Petitioner's motions to withdraw Michael T. Dinnella as back-up counsel are *denied without prejudice*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner may file renewed motions to withdraw Mr. Dinnella as back-up counsel once a recognized substitute back-up counsel is designated.

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