

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GENIUS SPORTS LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

SPORTSCASTR INC.,
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, JON M. JURGOVAN, and
STEPHEN E. BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Socrates L. Boutsikaris
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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.

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On December 9, 2025, Petitioner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Socrates L. Boutsikaris in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 38.² Petitioner also submitted a Declaration from Mr. Boutsikaris in support of the Motion in each proceeding. Ex. 1068. Petitioner indicates Patent Owner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 38, 1. For the reasons provided below, Petitioner's Motions are *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1), 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 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (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 Mr. Boutsikaris has sufficient litigation experience and legal familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Paper 38;

² For expediency, we cite to papers in IPR2024-01305, unless otherwise noted. Similar papers were filed in the other above-captioned proceedings.

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Ex. 1068.³ Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Boutsikaris.

We note Petitioner has filed updated Powers of Attorney identifying Mr. Boutsikaris. *See* Paper 36. We remind Petitioner our rules also require updated Mandatory Notices “within 21 days of a change of the information” regarding Petitioner’s representation by counsel. 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.8(a)(3), (b)(3).

³ In each of the Declarations in IPR2024-01308 and IPR2024-01309, Mr. Boutsikaris declares that he is “very familiar with U.S. Patent No. 10,805,687” (*see, e.g.*, IPR2024-01308, Ex. 1068), which is the challenged patent in IPR2024-01305 and IPR2024-01307. We deem this harmless error, as in each of those aforementioned proceedings Mr. Boutsikaris also declares that he is “very familiar . . . with the legal subject matter, technical subject matter, and prior art discussed in Genius’ Requests for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent 10,425,697” (*see, e.g., id.*), which is the challenged patent in IPR2024-01308 and IPR2024-01309.

Further, in each of the Declarations in IPR2024-01310 and IPR2024-01311 Mr. Boutsikaris declares that he is “very familiar . . . with the legal subject matter, technical subject matter, and prior art discussed in Genius’ Requests for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent 10,425,697” (*see, e.g.*, IPR2024-01310, Ex. 1071), which is the challenged patent in IPR2024-01308 and IPR2024-01309. We deem this harmless error, as in each of those aforementioned proceedings Mr. Boutsikaris also declares he is “very familiar with U.S. Patent No. 11,039,218” (*see, e.g., id.*), which is the challenged patent in IPR2024-01310 and IPR2024-01311.

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It is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Socrates L. Boutsikaris are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for each proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Boutsikaris is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Boutsikaris be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide⁴ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), 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 Mr. Boutsikaris 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.*

⁴ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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