UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FIRST QUALITY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY CONSUMER PRODUCTS, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY PRODUCTS, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY ENTERPRISES, LLC,
Petitioners,

v.

ESSITY HYGIENE AND HEALTH AB,

Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2024-01487

U.S. Patent No. 9,308,138

DECLARATION OF SHARON K. GAGLIARDI IN SUPPORT OF ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(2)

I, Sharon K. Gagliardi, declare as follows:

1. I am counsel at Dechert LLP at the Philadelphia Office. I am an experienced patent litigator and have litigated numerous cases over the past two decades, appearing and acting as lead counsel in litigation matters before various U.S. District Courts and U.S. Courts of Appeal, including on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. The majority of these cases have been related to intellectual property disputes and, in particular, patent litigation, in the pharmaceutical and incontinence industries.

2. I am a member in good standing in all jurisdictions and courts where I have been admitted to practice. This includes the bars in the State of Pennsylvania and New Jersey as well as the following courts: U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court.

3. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

4. I have never been denied admission to practice before any court or administrative body.

5. No court or administrative body has ever imposed sanctions or contempt citations on me.

6. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. part 42.

7. I agree to be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101, *et seq*. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

8. I have an established familiarity with the challenged patent U.S. Patent No. 9,308,138 ("'138 patent"), the filings, the prior art, and the subject matter more generally at issue in this proceeding. I am also counsel of record for Patent Owner in current litigation involving the '138 patent before the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (*Essity Health and Hygiene et al v. First Quality Products, Inc. et al*, C.A. No. 24-374 (GBW) (D. Del.)).

9. I have engaged, and will continue to engage, in strategic and substantive discussions regarding the legal and technical positions advanced in this proceeding with our team, including Lead Counsel for Patent Owner in this proceeding.

Dated: January 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

By: */Sharon K. Gagliardi/*

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