

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DECENT ESPRESSO INTERNATIONAL LTD.,

Petitioner,

v.

DUVALL ESPRESSO IP ENFORCEMENT, LLC,

Patent Owner

Case IPR2024-01492

U.S. Patent No. 10,772,456

**PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF
ATTORNEY VERONIKA BALBUZANOVA
PURUSANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10, Patent Owner files this motion to recognize attorney Veronika Balbuzanova *pro hac vice* in the foregoing proceeding and the foregoing motion is filed within the time limits provided for in the Order Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission referred to in the Notice dated October 11, 2024 (the “Order”) and within 21 days of service of the Petition.

Undersigned counsel is and will be the designated lead counsel, but our firm only has one qualified registered practitioner, i.e., myself, under its employment. That said, Ms. Balbuzanova, while not a registered practitioner, is highly involved and an attorney of record in *Duvall Espresso IP Enforcement, LLC v. Decent Espresso International Ltd., et al.*, 9:23-cv-81246 (S.D. Fla.), which is a pending patent infringement case (“Pending Infringement Case”) involving U.S. Patent No. 10,772,456 (“the ’456 Patent”). Ms. Balbuzanova has been involved in the pleading, claim construction briefing, and discovery phases of the Pending Infringing Case and is also familiar with the technology of the ’456 Patent and the claims of the ’456 Patent asserted in the Pending Infringement Case. Further, Patent Owner does not oppose Ms. Balbuzanova’s appearing *pro hac vice* in the foregoing proceeding and has authorized power of attorney for Ms. Balbuzanova. Patent Owner’s Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* admission is accompanied by an Affidavit of Veronika Balbuzanova, Esq. as required by the Order.

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Dated: 10/16/2024

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AFFIDAVIT OF MS. VERONIKA BALBUZANOVA IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE*

I, Veronika Balbuzanova, being duly sworn and upon oath, hereby attests to the following:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of Florida as well as the U.S. District Courts of Florida;
2. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body;
3. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied;
4. No sanction or contempt citation has been imposed against me by any court or administrative body;
5. 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 part 42 of the C.F.R.;
6. I will be subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a);
7. I have not applied to appear pro hac vice before the Office in any other proceeding in the last three (3) years; and

8. I am an experienced litigation attorney, with experience with complex litigations in both state and federal court. I am familiar with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding, including the prior art on which petitioner relies in this request and U.S. Patent No. 10,772,456. I have also reviewed the pertinent issues that have been briefed in the litigation.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing documents:

Patent Owner's Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of Attorney Veronika
Balbuzanova,

was served on October 16, 2024, by filing this document through the Patent Review
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