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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,
Petitioner,

v.

MIRACOR MEDICAL SA,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00096 (Patent 11,351,356 B2)
IPR2025-00112 (Patent 11,351,357 B2)
IPR2025-00113 (Patent 11,376,415 B2)
IPR2025-00114 (Patent 11,572,879 B2)
IPR2025-00115 (Patent 11,674,517 B2)
IPR2025-00116 (Patent 11,754,077 B1)

Before ANNETTE R. REIMERS, JAMES A. TARTAL, and JOHN D. HAMANN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER[1]
Granting Petitioner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Saranya Raghavan
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate that IPR2025-00096, IPR2025-00112, IPR2025-00113, IPR2025-00114, IPR2025-00115, and IPR2025-00116 have been joined. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

On April 11, 2025, Petitioner filed motions requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Saranya Raghavan in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively "Motions"). Paper 13.[2] Petitioner also submitted Declarations from Ms. Raghavan in support of the Motions (collectively "Declarations"). Ex. 1032.[3] Patent Owner has not opposed the Motions. 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* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1); *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission").

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[2] For purposes of expediency, we cite to Papers filed in IPR2025-00096. Petitioner filed a similar Motion in IPR2025-00112 (Paper 11), IPR2025-00113 (Paper 11), IPR2025-00114 (Paper 11), IPR2025-00115 (Paper 11), and IPR2025-00116 (Paper 11).

[3] We cite to Exhibits filed in IPR2025-00096. Petitioner filed a similar Declaration in IPR2025-00112 (Ex. 1032), IPR2025-00113 (Ex. 1032), IPR2025-00114 (Ex. 1032), IPR2025-00115 (Ex. 1032), and IPR2025-00116 (Ex. 1032).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations,[4] we conclude that Ms. Raghavan has sufficient qualifications to represent Petitioner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and legal familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 1032. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Raghavan. Ms. Raghavan will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

We note that Petitioner filed a Power of Attorney including Ms. Raghavan in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). IPR2025-00096, Paper 2; IPR2025-00112, Paper 2; IPR2025-00113, Paper 2; IPR2025-00114, Paper 2; IPR2025-00115, Paper 2; IPR2025-00116, Paper 2. Petitioner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Ms. Raghavan as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). IPR2025-00096, Paper 1, 5; IPR2025-00112, Paper 1, 5; IPR2025-00113,

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[4] *Unified Patents* indicates that "A motion for *pro hac vice* admission must: . . . Be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear attesting to the following: . . . All other proceedings before the Office for which the individual has applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the last three (3) years." *See Unified Patents*, Paper 7 at 3. The Declaration of Ms. Raghavan filed in each of these proceeding fails to identify the other related proceedings before the Office for which Ms. Raghavan has applied to appear *pro hac vice* or any other proceeding. *See* Ex. 1032. We excuse this omission on this occasion, and treat the omission as a representation that Ms. Raghavan has not applied to appear *pro hac vice* in any proceedings before the Office in the last three years other than the six proceedings addressed in this Order. If this is incorrect, Ms. Raghavan shall notify us promptly.

Paper 1, 5; IPR2025-00114, Paper 1, 6; IPR2025-00115, Paper 1, 5; IPR2025-00116, Paper 1, 5.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Saranya Raghavan are *granted*;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Raghavan is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Raghavan be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[5] (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 Ms. Raghavan 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.*[6]

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[5] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

[6] In the Declarations, Ms. Raghavan indicates she will be "subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq.," which we understand as intended to identify the *USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct* set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* *See* Ex. 1032, 1.

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