

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STERLITE TECHNOLOGIES INC.
Petitioner

v.

AFL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC.
Patent Owner

IPR2025-00127
Patent 11,287,591 B2

**DECLARATION OF KELLY E. FARNAN IN SUPPORT OF
PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF
KELLY E. FARNAN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

In support of the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*, I, Kelly E. Farnan, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Delaware and am admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

2. I have never 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. I have never been subject to any sanction or contempt citation imposed 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 37 C.F.R.

6. 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).

7. I have not previously applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Patent Trial and Appeals Board.

8. I am currently Director at the law firm of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., a position which I have held since 2011. I first joined the firm in 2003 and was

an associate from 2003-2011. In my 21 years of practice, I have represented a wide range of clients in intellectual property litigations involving manufacturing, telecommunication, pharmaceutical, and other technologies primarily in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. Through this work, I have gained extensive experience as a litigation attorney, particularly in patent cases.

9. I have familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. I am lead counsel for Petitioner in the co-pending district court litigation, *AFL Telecommunications, LLC. v. Sterlite Technologies, Inc.*, Case No. 1:23-cv-01202-RGA (D. Del.) (“Parallel Proceeding”). In the Parallel Proceeding, Patent Owner has asserted U.S. Patent No. 11,287,591 (“the ‘591 Patent”), the patent at issue in this proceeding, against Petitioner. Through the course of that representation, I have developed a familiarity with both the ‘591 Patent and the issues that may arise in this proceeding.

10. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I also declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: March 10, 2025

/ Kelly E. Farnan /
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