

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

NIKE, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00141
Patent 8,266,749 B2

Before KEN B. BARRETT, JOSIAH C. COCKS, and
MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

COCKS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Ryan Casamiquela
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

Patent Owner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Ryan Casamiquela (Paper 9) in the above-captioned proceeding. Patent Owner submitted a Declaration of Ryan Casamiquela (Ex. 2006) in support of the Motion. Patent Owner states Petitioner does not oppose this Motion.

Paper 9, 1.

For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner's Motion is *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. *See also Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (representative "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission").

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Casamiquela has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding and has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding. *See* Ex. 2006 ¶¶ 1–8.

Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Casamiquela. Mr. Casamiquela will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

We note that Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Casamiquela in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 7.

Patent Owner also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Casamiquela as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 8.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Casamiquela is *granted*.

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Casamiquela is authorized to act as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Casamiquela be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019))¹ 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. Casamiquela 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.*

¹ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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