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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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

v.

NIKE, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00150 (Patent 9,060,562 B2)
IPR2025-00151 (Patent 9,510,636 B2)[1]

Before KEN B. BARRETT, MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, and MATTHEW S. MEYERS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BARRETT, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Matthew M. Wilk
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

[1] The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate that IPR2025-00150 and IPR2025-00151 have been joined. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

On April 30, 2025, Patent Owner filed motions requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Matthew M. Wilk in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively "Motions"). Paper 15.[2] Patent Owner also submitted Declarations from Matthew M. Wilk in support of the Motions (collectively "Declarations"). Ex. 2020.[3] Patent Owner attests that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 15, 1. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner'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); Paper 5, 3–4.

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Mr. Wilk has sufficient qualifications to represent Patent Owner 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. 2020. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Matthew M. Wilk. Mr. Wilk will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

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[2] We cite to Papers filed in IPR2025-00150. Patent Owner filed a similar Motion in IPR2025-00151 (Paper 13).

[3] We cite to Exhibits filed in IPR2025-00150. Patent Owner filed a similar Declaration in IPR2025-00151 (Ex. 2020).

We note that Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Wilk in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). IPR2025-00150, Paper 7; IPR2025-00151, Paper 4. Patent Owner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Wilk as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). IPR2025-00150, Paper 8; IPR2025-00151, Paper 3.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Matthew M. Wilk are *granted*;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Wilk is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Wilk be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[4] (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 Mr. Wilk 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.*

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

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