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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

X1 DISCOVERY, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00253 (Patent 7,370,035 B2)
IPR2025-00254 (Patent 10,552,490 B2)
IPR2025-00255 (Patent 9,633,139 B2)

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, SCOTT C. MOORE, and LISA A. MURRAY, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

PER CURIAM.

ORDER
Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Natasha E. Daughtrey
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On January 7, 2026, Patent Owner filed Motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Natasha E. Daughtrey (Paper 25) in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively "Motions").[1] Patent Owner also filed Declarations of Ms. Daughtrey (Ex. 2025) in support of the Motions (collectively "Declarations").[2] Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. Mot. 1. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner's Motions are *conditionally granted*.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), 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 its notice authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires 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 this proceeding. *See* Paper 5, 2.

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Ms. Daughtrey has sufficient legal qualification to represent Patent Owner in the above-identified proceedings, that Ms. Daughtrey has demonstrated sufficient familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, that

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[1] For purposes of expediency, we cite to Papers filed in IPR2025-00253. Patent Owner filed a similar Motion in IPR2025-00254 (Paper 26) and in IPR2025-00255 (Paper 25).

[2] We cite to the exhibit filed in IPR2025-00253. Patent Owner filed a similar Declaration in IPR2025-00254 (Ex. 2025) and in IPR2025-00255 (Ex. 2025).

Ms. Daughtrey meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*, and that Patent Owner's intent to be represented by counsel with litigation experience is warranted. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Daughtrey. Ms. Daughtrey will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note, however, that Patent Owner has not filed Powers of Attorney including Ms. Daughtrey in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b) and updated Mandatory Notices identifying Ms. Daughtrey as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). In view thereof, Patent Owner's Motions are *conditionally granted*, and are to be effective after Patent Owner files the aforementioned Powers of Attorney and Mandatory Notices.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Natasha E. Daughtrey are *conditionally 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 Ms. Daughtrey is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) business days of the date of this Order, Patent Owner shall file Powers of Attorney including Ms. Daughtrey in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) business days of the date of this Order, Patent Owner shall file updated Mandatory Notices in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3) listing Ms. Daughtrey as back-up counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Daughtrey is to comply with the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[3] (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and 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. Daughtrey shall be 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*.

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

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