

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

v.

STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION,

Patent Owner.

IPR No. 2025-00270

U.S. Patent No. 8,073,911

**PETITIONER’S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL**

1. STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e) and the Board's email of May 13, 2026, authorizing this motion, Petitioner Microsoft Corporation ("Petitioner"), respectfully requests that the Board authorize the withdrawal of Scott Border as Lead Counsel and Joseph S. Netikosol as first Backup Counsel of record in this proceeding and substitute them for new Lead Counsel, Dustin J. Edwards, and first Backup Counsel, Alexander P. Ott.

2. STATEMENT OF FACTS SHOWING GOOD CAUSE FOR THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE WITHDRAW OF COUNSEL

Messrs. Border and Netikosol have left the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP. Petitioner continues to retain the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP to represent it in these proceedings. New Lead and first Backup Counsel from Winston & Strawn LLP are identified in Petitioner's Updated Power of Attorney (Paper 24) and Updated Mandatory Notices (Paper 25) filed May 12, 2026. New Lead Counsel, Dustin J. Edwards, and first Backup Counsel, Alexander P. Ott, are both registered to conduct business before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Board.

The withdrawal and substitution of counsel will not impact the schedule for proceedings in this matter.

3. REASONS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

“Counsel may not withdraw from a proceeding before the Board unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Given that Messrs. Border and Netikosol are no longer with Winston & Strawn LLP, but Petitioner continues to retain the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP in connection with this proceeding, it is appropriate to withdraw Messrs. Border and Netikosol as counsel of record in this proceeding.

Patent Owner has been consulted about the relief sought in this motion and has indicated it does not object to the proposed withdrawal and substitution. Thus, Petitioner believes that granting this motion will not hinder the economy, integrity of the patent system, or the efficient administration of the Office. *See* 35 U.S.C. §316(b).

4. CONCLUSION

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board grant its motion and authorize the withdrawal of Messrs. Border and Netikosol as counsel in this proceeding and to replace them with Mr. Edwards, as Lead Counsel, and Mr. Ott, as first Backup Counsel, as identified in Petitioner’s Updated Mandatory Notices and Power of Attorney.

Dated: May 15, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 42.6(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that on May 15, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PETITIONER’S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL** was served by email on the Patent Owner at the following email addresses of record:

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