

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00270
Patent 8,073,911 B2

Before KARL D. EASTHOM, AMBER L. HAGY, and BACH V. HOANG,
Administrative Patent Judges.

HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's
Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On May 15, 2026, with our prior authorization, Petitioner filed a Motion to withdraw and substitute counsel in this proceeding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10. Paper 26, 1 (“Motion”). The Motion requests (1) withdrawal of Scott Border as Lead Counsel and Joseph S. Netikosol as first Backup Counsel and (2) substitution of Dustin J. Edwards (Reg. No. 57,649) as Lead Counsel and Alexander P. Ott (Reg. No. 63,110) as first Backup Counsel. Motion 1. Petitioner filed Mandatory Notices (Paper 25) and a Power of Attorney (Paper 24) reflecting these changes. Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not object to the Motion. Motion 2.

A party represented by counsel must designate a lead counsel and at least one back-up counsel. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). In addition, counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e).

Under these circumstances, we grant Petitioner’s Motion.

It is:

ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion to withdraw and substitute counsel is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Scott Border and Joseph S. Netikosol are withdrawn and;

FURTHER ORDERED that Dustin J. Edwards is substituted as lead counsel and that Alexander P. Ott is substituted as backup counsel.

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