

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

POSCO CO. LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

ARCELORMITTAL,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2025-00371
U.S. Patent No. 11,326,227

**PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF
ALLEN KATHIR**

I. Statement of Relief Requested

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) and Notice of Filing Date Accorded (Paper 6; “Notice”) authorizing the parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admissions under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Patent Owner requests that the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (the “Board”) admit Allen Kathir *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

II. Statement of Facts Showing Good Cause for the Board to Recognize Counsel Pro Hac Vice During the Proceeding

In accordance with 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 and to any other conditions as the Board may impose. Section 42.10(c) indicates that “where lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* by counsel who is not a registered practitioner may be granted upon a showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” The facts here establish good cause for the Board to recognize Allen Kathir *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

1. Lead counsel (Brian M. Buroker) and backup counsel (Benjamin Hershkowitz and Mark Reiter) are registered practitioners.

2. Counsel, Allen Kathir, is an experienced litigator and has established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.

3. Accompanying this motion as Exhibit 2018 is the October 2, 2025 Declaration of Allen Kathir in Support of this Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* (“Kathir Decl.”).

4. Mr. Kathir is an attorney at the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. (Ex. 2018 at ¶ 1).

5. In his declaration, Mr. Kathir asserts:

I have been practicing law for 10 years. I am an experienced litigation attorney and have been involved in numerous patent infringement cases in Federal Courts across the country. I have experience in various aspects of patent infringement matters, jury and bench trials, Markman hearings, and summary judgment hearings.

(Ex. 2018 at ¶ 2).

6. In his declaration, Mr. Kathir asserts:

I am a member in good standing of the New York Bar (2015), the District of Columbia Bar (2017), and the Florida Bar (2018) and I am admitted to practice before the following Federal Courts: United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

(Ex. 2018 at ¶ 3).

7. Mr. Kathir also asserts:

I am familiar with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding.

I have been involved consistently and substantively in this inter partes review proceeding since its inception in December 2024.

I have reviewed the papers filed in this proceeding. Since April 2024, I have been counsel for the plaintiff, ArcelorMittal, in copending litigations in the *Certain High-Strength Aluminum Or Aluminum Alloy-Coated Steel, and Automotive Products and Automobiles Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1402, United States District Court for the Central District of California between Petitioner and the Patent Owner ArcelorMittal. *ArcelorMittal v. VINFAST et al.*, No. 2:24-cv-03128- (C.D. CA). That litigation involves the same '227 patent under review in this proceeding.

(Ex. 2018 at ¶ 10).

8. In his declaration, Mr. Kathir also attests to each of the listed items required by the “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission” in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper 7. *See* Ex. 2018 at ¶¶ 5-10.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board admit Allen Kathir *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Dated: October 2, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing
PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF ALLEN
KATHIR and DECLARATION OF ALLEN KATHIR IN SUPPORT OF
PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF ALLEN
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