

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN TUOZHU TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

STRATASYS, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00611
Patent 11,886,774 B2

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, and
BRIAN D. RANGE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

OGDEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Setting Oral Argument
37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a)

I. ORAL ARGUMENT

A. TIME AND FORMAT¹

Oral arguments will commence at **12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 13, 2026, at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.**² The Board will provide a court reporter for the hearing, and the reporter's transcript will constitute the official record of the hearing.

Petitioner will have **a total of 60** minutes to present argument in this case and Patent Owner will have **a total of 60** minutes to respond. Petitioner will open the hearing by presenting its case regarding the challenged claims for which the Board instituted trial. Thereafter, Patent Owner may respond to Petitioner's arguments. Petitioner may reserve rebuttal time to respond to arguments presented by Patent Owner. In accordance with the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide³ ("CTPG"), issued in November 2019, Patent Owner may request to reserve time for a brief sur-rebuttal, which will be limited to issues raised during Petitioner's rebuttal. *See* CTPG 83.

The parties may request a pre-hearing conference in advance of the hearing. *See* CTPG 82. "The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to

¹ If a party is no longer able to appear in person for the hearing, the party must contact PTABHearings@uspto.gov as soon as possible.

² Visitors to any USPTO facility where identification is required must present state-issued identification that is REAL ID compliant. Alternatively, visitors can present another form of government-issued photo identification listed on the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration's Acceptable IDs webpage at <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>.

³ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

afford the parties the opportunity to preview (but not argue) the issues to be discussed at the hearing, and to seek the Board’s guidance as to particular issues that the panel would like addressed by the parties.” *Id.* If either party desires a pre-hearing conference, the parties should jointly contact the Board at Trials@uspto.gov by DUE DATE 6 (as indicated in the Scheduling Order in this proceeding) to request a conference call for that purpose. Any request should include an agreed-upon set of issues for discussion and several proposed times for the conference. Any pre-hearing conference should take place at least three business days before the hearing date.

B. DEMONSTRATIVES

As set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(b), demonstratives must be served on opposing counsel at least seven business days before the hearing date and filed no later than three business days before the hearing.⁴

Demonstratives are not a mechanism for making new arguments. Demonstratives also are not evidence, and the Board will not consider them as evidence. Rather, demonstratives are visual aids to a party’s oral presentation regarding arguments and evidence previously presented and discussed in the papers. Accordingly, demonstratives must be clearly marked with the words “DEMONSTRATIVE EXHIBIT – NOT EVIDENCE” in the footer. *See Dell Inc. v. Acceleron, LLC*, 884 F.3d 1364, 1369 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (holding that the Board is obligated under its own regulations to dismiss

⁴ The parties may jointly request, at least seven business days before the hearing date, that the Board modify the schedule for filing and serving demonstratives.

untimely argument “raised for the first time during oral argument”). “[N]o new evidence may be presented at the oral argument.” CTPG 86; *see also St. Jude Med., Cardiology Div., Inc. v. Bd. of Regents of the Univ. of Mich.*, IPR2013-00041, Paper 65, 2–3 (PTAB Jan. 27, 2014) (explaining that “new” evidence includes evidence already of record but not previously discussed in any paper of record).

Furthermore, because of the strict prohibition against the presentation of new evidence or arguments at a hearing, the Board strongly recommends that each demonstrative include a citation to a paper in the record, which allows the Board to easily ascertain whether a given demonstrative contains “new” argument or evidence or, instead, contains only that which is developed in the existing record.

Due to the nature of the Board’s consideration of demonstratives and the opportunity afforded for the parties to reach an agreement without involving the Board, the Board does not anticipate that objections to demonstratives are likely to be sustained. Nevertheless, to the extent that a party objects to the propriety of any demonstrative, the parties must meet and confer in good faith to resolve any objections to demonstratives prior to filing the objections with the Board. If such objections cannot be resolved, the parties may file any objections to demonstratives with the Board no later than two business days before the hearing. The objections must identify with particularity which portions of the demonstratives are subject to objection (and should include a copy of the objected-to portions) and include a one sentence statement of the reason for each objection. No argument or further explanation is permitted. The Board will consider any objections and may

reserve ruling on the objections.⁵ Any objection to demonstratives that is not timely presented will be considered waived.

Finally, each presenter should identify clearly and specifically each paper (e.g., by slide or screen number for a demonstrative) referenced during the hearing to ensure the clarity and accuracy of the court reporter's transcript and for the benefit of all participants appearing electronically.

C. PRESENTING COUNSEL

The Board generally expects lead counsel for each party to be present at the hearing. *See* CTPG 11. Any counsel of record may present the party's argument, in whole or in part, if that counsel is present in person.

D. VIDEO OR TELEPHONIC HEARING DETAILS

To facilitate planning, each party must contact the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov at least five business days prior to the hearing date to receive video set-up information. As a reminder, all arrangements and the expenses involved with appearing by video, such as the selection of the facility from which a party will attend by video, must be borne by that party. If a video connection cannot be established, the parties will be provided with dial-in connection information, and the hearing will be conducted telephonically.

If one or both parties would prefer to participate in the hearing telephonically, they must contact the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov at

⁵ If time permits, the Board may schedule a conference call with the parties to discuss any filed objections.

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Counsel should unmute only when speaking. The panel will have access to all papers filed with the Board, including demonstratives. In addition, the parties should also identify themselves each time they speak. The remote nature of the hearing may also result in an audio lag, so the parties should pause before speaking, to avoid speaking over others.

If at any time during the hearing, counsel encounters technical or other difficulties that fundamentally undermine counsel's ability to adequately represent its client, please let the panel know immediately, and adjustments will be made.⁶

E. REMOTE ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Members of the public may request to listen to and/or view this hearing. If resources are available, the Board generally expects to grant such requests. If either party objects to the Board granting such requests, for example, because confidential information may be discussed, the party must notify the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov at least ten business days prior to the hearing date.

F. AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

Any special requests relating to audio-visual equipment should be directed to PTABHearings@uspto.gov. For example, a party may request to

⁶ For example, if a party is experiencing poor video quality, the Board may provide alternate dial-in information.

accommodate deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, or low-vision individuals, and indicate how the PTAB may accommodate the special request. Any such special requests must be presented in a separate communication at least five business days before the hearing date.

G. LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Parties are encouraged to participate in the LEAP program.⁷ Either party may request that a qualifying LEAP practitioner participate in the program and conduct at least a portion of the party's oral argument. The Board will grant up to 15 minutes of additional argument time to that party. A party should submit the LEAP Practitioner Verification Form and Request for Oral Hearing Participation, at least five business days before the oral hearing, by email to the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov.

II. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that oral argument for this proceeding will commence at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 13, 2026, at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia and proceed in the manner set forth herein.

⁷ Information about the LEAP program and the combined LEAP Practitioner Request for Oral Hearing Participation and Verification Form can be found at www.uspto.gov/leap.

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