

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

WITHROW NETWORKS, INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00775
Patent 10,771,849 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, JUSTIN T. ARBES, and
MARY C. HOFFMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ARBES, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Conditionally Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Francisco A. Villegas
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

Patent Owner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Francisco A. Villegas. Paper 42 (“Motion”). Patent Owner also submitted a Declaration from Francisco A. Villegas in support of the Motion. Ex. 2033 (“Declaration”). Petitioner has not opposed the Motion. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner’s Motion is *conditionally granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1), 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 authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide 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 the proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1); *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Villegas has sufficient qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and legal familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 2033. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Villegas. Mr. Villegas will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

Patent Owner has not filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Villegas in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). In view thereof, and for the reasons set forth below, Patent Owner’s Motion is *conditionally*

granted, and is to be effective only after Patent Owner files the aforementioned Power of Attorney.

Patent Owner also has not filed updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Villegas as back-up counsel. Therefore, Patent Owner must file updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Villegas as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion (Paper 42) for *pro hac vice* admission of Francisco A. Villegas is *conditionally granted*, provided that within five (5) business days of the date of this Order, Patent Owner submits a Power of Attorney for Mr. Villegas in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Villegas as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3);

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Villegas is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Villegas be familiar with the Board's Trial Practice Guide,¹ comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. part 42, and 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.*

¹ Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Trial Practice Guide (last updated Dec. 12, 2025), *available at* <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide>.

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