

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION,
Petitioner,

v.

AUTO TELEMATICS LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00812
Patent 12,236,728 B2

Before GEORGE R. HOSKINS, ROBERT L. KINDER, and
STEPHEN E. BELISLE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KINDER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Denying Patent Owner's Motion
to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

INTRODUCTION

On April 29, 2026, with prior Board authorization, Patent Owner filed a Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Lead and Back-up Counsel in the above-identified proceeding. Paper 17 (“Motion”). Patent Owner requests that lead counsel, Matthew C. Juren, and back-up counsel, Kelly Stephens, both of Stephens Juren PLLC be permitted to withdraw as counsel.

Motion 1. Patent Owner requests that Peter C. Knops and Douglas L. Bridges both of Noroozi PC be permitted to substitute as lead counsel and backup counsel, respectively. *Id.* Patent Owner indicates that counsel Kayvan B. Noroozi, also of Noroozi PC, intends to join as backup counsel upon the filing and grant of a separate pro hac vice motion. *Id.*

On May 4, 2026, Patent Owner’s proposed new counsel, Mr. Peter Knops, sent an email (Ex. 3001) to the Board stating:

We write to inform the Board that Patent Owner Auto Telematics intends to withdraw its motion to substitute counsel.

Noroozi PC and its attorneys Kayvan Noroozi, Douglas Bridges, and Peter Knops are not entering an appearance as counsel of record in this proceeding.

Based on the foregoing and the current Motion being withdrawn, we deny Patent Owner’s pending Motion (Paper 17).

On April 29, 2026, Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney appointing Peter C. Knops, Douglas L. Bridges, and Kayvan B. Noroozi as new counsel. Paper 18. This same Power of Attorney “revokes all prior powers of attorney in the above captioned *Inter Partes* Review.” *Id.* at 2. Patent Owner also filed updated mandatory notices that designate Mr. Knops and Mr. Bridges as lead and backup counsel, respectively. Paper 19. Mr. Noroozi is designated as additional backup counsel. *Id.*

Based on Mr. Knops's recent email stating the Motion would be withdrawn, Patent Owner must again file updated mandatory notices and a power of attorney correcting the recent designation of new counsel. We also strike Papers 18 and 19 from the record to ensure clarity.

Should Patent Owner seek to make any further changes in counsel, a conference call must first be scheduled with the Board. As of the issuance of this Order, Matthew C. Juren, and back-up counsel, Kelly Stephens, both of Stephens Juren PLLC, remain counsel of record for Patent Owner.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion (Paper 17) is *denied* and Matthew C. Juren and Kelly Stephens have not been withdrawn as counsel in the above-identified proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Papers 18 and 19 are stricken from the record of this proceeding; and,

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall file updated mandatory notices and an updated power of attorney by May 12, 2026.

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