UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STRAUMANN USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART DENTURE CONVERSIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2025-00956

U.S. Patent No. 11,937,992

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Scheduling Order (Paper No. 13 at 7-8), Petitioner Straumann USA, LLC ("Petitioner") respectfully requests oral argument, currently scheduled for August 27, 2026.

Petitioner requests to address the following issues at the hearing (without waiving consideration of any issue not listed below):

(1) the status of U.S. Patent No. 11, 311,354 ("Kofford") as prior art to the challenged claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,937,992, because those claims are not supported by any of the priority applications;

(2) unpatentability of the challenged claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 11,937,992, including:

(i) unpatentability of claims 1-6, 8-9 and 11-12 as anticipated by Kofford (Ground 1);

(ii) unpatentability of claims 4, 7 and 12 as obvious over Kofford and Poovey (Ground 2);

(iii) unpatentability of claims 7 and 10 as anticipated by Kofford (Ground 3);

(iv) unpatentability of claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 9-12 as obvious over Bernhard, Poovey and Gracco (Ground 4);

(v) unpatentability of claims 4 and 8 as obvious over Bernhard, Poovey, Gracco and Derey (Ground 5); and

(vi) unpatentability of claim 2 as obvious over Bernhard, Poovey, Gracco and Ruetschi (Ground 6);

(3) the arguments and evidence in Petitioner's Petition, Petitioner's Reply, and the supporting declaration of Petitioner's expert, John Brunski, including Petitioner's responses to Patent Owner's arguments and evidence in the Patent Owner Response and the supporting declarations of Patent Owner's expert, Karl Leinsing;

(4) any procedural and evidentiary issues raised in any motion to exclude or motion to strike (if not addressed in a pre-hearing conference);

(5) any other issue identified by Patent Owner in its request for oral argument;

(6) Petitioner's rebuttal to Patent Owner's presentation on all matters; and

(7) any additional issues on which the Board seeks clarification.

Petitioner requests that each party be allowed a total of sixty (60) minutes for argument, with the opportunity to reserve a portion of that time for rebuttal.

Petitioner also requests the ability to use the USPTO's audio-visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits during oral argument, including the use of a projector and screen that may be connected to a laptop computer of Petitioner's counsel. In addition, Petitioner requests that an ELMO-type projector be made available for use if possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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