

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PERPLEXITY AI, INC.,
PETITIONER

v.

COMET ML, INC.,
Patent Owner

Case: IPR2025-01063
U.S. Patent No. 11,650,968

**DECLARATION OF YURI MIKULKA IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION**

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I, Yuri Mikulka, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Alston & Bird LLP and practice in its Intellectual Property Litigation group. I have been a practicing attorney since December 1996.

2. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of California.

3. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

4. I have never been denied admission to practice before any court or administrative body.

5. I have never been subject to sanctions or contempt citations imposed by any court or administrative body.

6. I have read and will comply with the USPTO's rules of professional conduct and disciplinary jurisdiction including the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in title 37, part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.).

7. I agree to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Responsibility set forth in parts 10 and 11 of 37 C.F.R. and to disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

8. I have not previously applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

9. I have approximately twenty years of experience litigating intellectual property disputes. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine and a J.D. degree from Pepperdine University. My experience includes significant experience litigating patents with subject matter similar to and substantially related to the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 11,650,968, the patent-in-suit. I have represented clients in numerous patent infringement lawsuits across the country involving patents in a variety of technical areas, including mechanical devices, medical devices, telecommunications, and consumer products.

10. I have an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. In addition to my general familiarity with the technologies identified in the patent, I was retained as counsel for Petitioner Perplexity AI, Inc. in this matter and have spent significant time and resources to assist Petitioner in preparing its petition for *Inter Partes* Review. I have reviewed the '968 Patent in detail. I have also reviewed the Petition, and the accompanying exhibits, as well as the patent's prosecution history. I have spent significant time reviewing and analyzing prior art related to the '968 Patent, including the prior art upon which this IPR proceeding is based, and I have corresponded with subject matter experts. I have also reviewed all of the other filings associated with this IPR.

11. As Partner at Alston & Bird, I am associated with Lead Counsel, who is also a Partner at Alston & Bird and a registered patent practitioner.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all opinions expressed herein are my own; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: July 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/ Yuri Mikulka /

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(requesting *pro hac vice* admission)

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