

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PROAMPAC HOLDINGS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SIGMA TECHNOLOGIES INT'L, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2025-01143
Patent No. 11,072,148

**DECLARATION OF JONATHAN M. HERNANDEZ IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION**

I, Jonathan M. Hernandez, declare as follows:

1. I am a senior associate in the Houston Office of Blank Rome LLP. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently under oath.

2. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas (Bar No. 24091867).

3. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

4. None of my applications for admission to practice before any court or administrative body have ever been denied.

5. I have never been sanctioned or had a contempt citation imposed on me by any court or administrative body.

6. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trial set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

7. I acknowledge and agree that I will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 11.101 *et. seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

8. I have appeared *pro hac vice* before the Board in the last three years in the following *inter partes* review ("IPR") proceedings: IPR2024-00875 and IPR2024-00885.

9. I have been a practicing attorney for nearly eight years in the areas of patent litigation and patent advisory work. I have been involved in numerous patent infringement cases in district courts across the country, including the Eastern District of Texas, Northern District of Texas, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Wisconsin, Eastern District of North Carolina, and District of Delaware. I am intimately involved and have been assisting Petitioner ProAmpac Holdings Inc.'s ("Petitioner") attorneys of record in a related litigation captioned *Pratt Retail Specialties, LLC v. ProAmpac Holdings Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-01073-RGA (D. Del.).

10. I am very familiar with the technical and legal issues raised in Petitioner's IPR petition. For example, I have studied and analyzed the field of technology relevant to U.S. Patent No. 11,072,148 ("the '148 patent"), as well as the claims, specification, and prosecution history of the '148 patent. I have become very familiar with both the particular subject matter and substantive issues concerning the '148 patent. I have also analyzed and am familiar with the prior art references asserted by Petitioner in this IPR proceeding, as well as all of the exhibits to Petitioner's IPR petition. I also assisted in drafting the IPR petition.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 11, 2025 in Harris County, TX.

By: /Jonathan M. Hernandez/
Jonathan M. Hernandez

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing **DECLARATION OF JONATHAN M. HERNANDEZ IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION** is being served on counsel of record by filing the document through the Patent Trial and Appeal Case Tracking System (P-TACTS), with a copy served via electronic mail to the following email address, as authorized in Patent Owner's Mandatory Notices:

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