

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

---

TOUGHBUILT INDUSTRIES, INC.,  
Petitioner

v.

MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.,  
Patent Owner

---

Case IPR2025-01462  
U.S. Patent No. 11,192,689

---

**PETITIONER TOUGHBUILT INDUSTRIES, INC.'S  
UPDATED POWER OF ATTORNEY**

***Mail Stop "PATENT BOARD"***  
Patent Trial and Appeal Board  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b), Petitioner ToughBuilt Industries, Inc.

("Petitioner") hereby appoints the practitioners associated with Customer Number 26111 and all other practitioners listed below as its attorneys to transact all business in the United States Patent & Trademark Office associated with the above-captioned *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 11,192,689.

These attorneys include at least:

**Lead Counsel:** Richard M. Bemben (Reg. No. 68,658)  
**Back-up Counsel:** Timothy L. Tang (Reg. No. 75,187)  
Melissa A. Haapala (Reg. No. 47,622)  
William H. Milliken (*Pro Hac Vice*)

**Address:** STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC  
1101 K Street, NW, 10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.371.2600 (reception)  
202.371.2540 (facsimile)  
[rbemben-PTAB@sternekessler.com](mailto:rbemben-PTAB@sternekessler.com)  
[ttang-PTAB@sternekessler.com](mailto:ttang-PTAB@sternekessler.com)  
[mhaapala-PTAB@sternekessler.com](mailto:mhaapala-PTAB@sternekessler.com)  
[wmilliken-PTAB@sternekessler.com](mailto:wmilliken-PTAB@sternekessler.com)

FOR: ToughBuilt Industries, Inc.

SIGNATURE: 

NAME: Tobin Hobbs

TITLE: IP Counsel

DATE: 7 Apr. 2026

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e))**

I certify that the above-captioned **PETITIONER TOUGHBUILT INDUSTRIES, INC.'S UPDATED POWER OF ATTORNEY** was served in its entirety on April 17, 2026, upon the following parties via electronic mail:

Anna C. Halsey (Lead Counsel)  
Ann G. Fort (Back-up Counsel)  
Lindsay M. Kriz (Back-up Counsel)  
Jeremy D. Spier (Back-up Counsel)  
EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (US) LLP  
[AnnaHalsey@eversheds-sutherland.us](mailto:AnnaHalsey@eversheds-sutherland.us)  
[AnnFort@eversheds-sutherland.us](mailto:AnnFort@eversheds-sutherland.us)  
[LindsayKriz@eversheds-sutherland.us](mailto:LindsayKriz@eversheds-sutherland.us)  
[JeremySpier@eversheds-sutherland.us](mailto:JeremySpier@eversheds-sutherland.us)

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC

*/Richard M. Bemben/*

Richard M. Bemben  
Registration No. 68,658  
Lead Attorney for Petitioner

Date: April 17, 2026

1101 K Street, NW, 10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 371-2600