

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MEDTRONIC, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MOSKOWITZ FAMILY LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00124
Patent 11,096,797 B2

Before NEIL T. POWELL, ERIC C. JESCHKE, and RYAN H. FLAX,
Administrative Patent Judges.

JESCHKE, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

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

On August 25, 2026, with the Board's prior authorization (Ex. 3001), Patent Owner, Moskowitz Family LLC, filed a Motion to Withdraw Backup Counsel. Paper 22 ("Motion").

In the Motion, Patent Owner requests to withdraw Ashley E. LaValley as backup counsel for Patent Owner. Motion 2. Patent Owner indicates that Eric A. Zelepugas (Reg. No. 73,302) and Robert A. Conley (Reg. No. 55,846) will continue as lead and backup counsel, respectively, for Patent Owner. *Id.* Patent Owner indicates that Petitioner does not oppose this Motion. *Id.* Patent Owner also indicates that it "will file updated Mandatory Notices in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), removing Ms. LaValley's designation as backup counsel." *Id.*

Counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Patent Owner has sought authorization and explains as noted above, that current lead and backup counsel will continue to represent Patent Owner. Under these circumstances, we *grant* Patent Owner's Motion.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby
ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion (Paper 22) is *granted*; and
FURTHER ORDERED that Ashley E. LaValley is withdrawn from
this proceeding.

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