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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MEDTRONIC, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MOSKOWITZ FAMILY LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00163
Patent 11,376,136 B2

Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, JAMES A. TARTAL, and SCOTT B. HOWARD, *Administrative Patent Judges.*

PETRAVICK, Administrative Patent Judge.

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

Counsel may not withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding unless the Board authorizes such withdrawal. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e).

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

In the Motion, Patent Owner requests to withdraw Ashley E. LaValley as backup counsel. Motion 2. Eric A. Zelepugas (Reg. No. 73,302) and Robert A. Conley (Reg. No. 55,846) will continue as lead and backup counsel. *Id*. The Motion indicates that Petitioner does not oppose. *Id*.

Patent Owner states 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*.

It is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion (Paper 22) is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Ashley E. LaValley may withdraw as counsel.

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