

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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PFIZER INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

POGONA, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2026-00189  
Patent 11,058,757 B2

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Before SUSAN L. C. MITCHELL, ZHENYU YANG, and  
CHRISTOPHER M. KAISER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

YANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION  
Granting Petitioner's Motion for  
*Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Yujung Rho  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

On August 3, 2026, Petitioner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Yujung Rho to the above-identified proceeding (“Motion” or “Mot.”). Paper 21. The Motion is supported by a corresponding declaration of Ms. Rho (Ex. 1053) (“Declaration”). Patent Owner has not filed an opposition to the Motion.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), the Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude that Ms. Rho has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in this proceeding, that Ms. Rho has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and that Ms. Rho meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 1053 ¶¶ 1–11.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Rho. Ms. Rho

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Rho declares that she “will be subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*” rather than the USPTO *Rules of Professional Conduct* set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* Ex. 1053 ¶ 8. We deem this harmless error.

will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Petitioner filed a Power of Attorney including Ms. Rho in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Paper 23. Petitioner has also submitted Mandatory Notices identifying Ms. Rho as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Paper 22.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Yujung Rho (Paper 21) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent Petitioner as lead counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Rho is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Rho be familiar with the Board's Trial Practice Guide,<sup>2</sup> and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Rho is subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.*

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<sup>2</sup> Available at [www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide) (last updated Dec. 2025).

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