

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

X CORP.,
Petitioner,

v.

SEARCH AND SHARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2026-00235 (Patent 11,106,744 B2)
IPR2026-00244 (Patent 10,180,952 B2)¹

Before JUSTIN T. ARBES, CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, and
LISA L. TSANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TSANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

*Conditionally Granting Petitioner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Jeffrey S. Seddon II
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)*

¹ This Order applies to each of the captioned proceedings. The parties are not permitted to use this style of caption.

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Petitioner filed Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Jeffrey S. Seddon II (Paper 14²) in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Petitioner submitted a Declaration of Jeffrey S. Seddon II (Ex. 1018) in support of each Motion. Petitioner states that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 14, 1. For the reasons provided below, Petitioner's Motions are *conditionally granted*.

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* Paper 3, 3–5 (Notice of Filing Date Accorded); *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 Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Mr. Seddon has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Ex. 1018 ¶¶ 1–9. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good

² This Order cites to papers and exhibits filed in IPR2026-00235. Corresponding items were filed in IPR2026-00244.

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cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Seddon. Mr. Seddon will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

We note that Petitioner did not file a Power of Attorney including Mr. Seddon in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). Petitioner has also not filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Seddon as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Jeffrey S. Seddon II are *conditionally granted*, provided that within ten (10) business days of the date of this Order, Petitioner must submit Powers of Attorney for Mr. Seddon in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner must file updated mandatory notices identifying Mr. Seddon as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3);

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Seddon is authorized to act as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Seddon be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Trial Practice Guide³ and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

³ Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Trial Practice Guide (Dec. 2025), *available at* <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide>.

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Seddon 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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