

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FORTE BIOSCIENCES, INC.,
Petitioner,
v.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS,
Patent Owner.

PGR2023-00014
Patent 11,278,505 B2

Before GEORGIANNA W. BRADEN and ROBERT A. POLLOCK,
Administrative Patent Judges.

BRADEN, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

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

On March 6, 2024, with our prior authorization, Patent Owner filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and Substitute New Counsel. Paper 35 (“Motion”). The Motion requests withdrawal of Ms. Jessica L. Roberts as back-up counsel for Petitioner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Motion 1. The Motion states that “Ms. Roberts is no longer employed by Finnegan.” *Id.*

Patent Owner seeks to designate Ms. C. Collette Corser as new backup counsel. Motion 1. Patent Owner represents that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* We note Patent Owner has not filed updated Power of Attorney and Mandatory Notices indicating the appearance of Ms. C. Collette Corser as backup counsel.

Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding only with Board authorization. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Under these circumstances, we grant Petitioner’s Motion contingent upon Patent Owner filing updated Power of Attorney and Mandatory Notices reflecting the withdrawal of back-up counsel Ms. Roberts and the appearance of Ms. C. Collette Corser as new backup counsel.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and Substitute New Counsel (Paper 35) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Jessica L. Roberts is withdrawn as back-up counsel for Patent Owner; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file an updated Power of Attorney and Mandatory Notices indicating the appearance of Ms. C. Collette Corser as backup counsel

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