

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MPL BRANDS NV, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

BUZZBALLZ, LLC

Patent Owner.

PTAB Case No. PGR2024-00035

U.S. Patent No. 11,932,441 B1

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF ANDREW KALAMARIDES
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(C)**

I, Andrew Kalamarides, declare in support of my application to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in the PGR2024-00035 as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the State Bars of Texas.
2. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.
3. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.
4. No sanction or contempt citation has been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.
5. I have read and will comply with Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Title 37, Part 42 of the C.F.R., and the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.20 et seq.
6. I will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq. and the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).
7. I am a patent litigation attorney with one year of experience representing clients in patent cases involving patents and/or other intellectual property interests. I have been involved in eleven patent litigation cases in federal district courts across the United States, including the Western District of Texas, the District of New

Jersey, and the Northern District of California. Through my experience in patent litigation matters, I have represented clients in many phases of litigation including early case motion practice, fact and expert discovery, and court hearings, including *Markman* hearings. My biography is attached hereto as Appendix A.

8. In the previous three years, I have not applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office. I have familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding and represent Petitioner as counsel in a parallel court proceeding against Patent Owner involving the same technology (*BuzzBallz, LLC v. MPL Brands NV, Inc. d/b/a Patco Brands*, Case No. 5:24-cv-04414-EKL (N.D. Cal.)). In the parallel district court proceeding, I handle all phases of the litigation from discovery through trial and will continue to be involved in the case as counsel. I also was involved in the preparation and filing of the *Inter Partes* Review petition in IPR2024-01000 (which involved the Challenged Patent), but institution of that petition was discretionarily denied before I could submit an application for *pro hac vice* admission.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that all statements made of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

Date: January 8, 2024

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Andrew Kalamarides focuses on patent, trade secret, and other areas of intellectual property litigation. He has engaged in both plaintiff- and defense-side litigation across a variety of industries including pharmaceuticals, control systems, energy, telecommunications, agricultural equipment, and beverage containers. Andrew's recent experience includes cross-examining and directing both fact and expert witnesses, securing critical testimony through depositions, and drafting key filings to advance client goals. Andrew has also served as first chair for a client in a contested three-day arbitration in which the client received a full defense victory through a take-nothing award.

Before joining Perkins Coie, Andrew worked as judicial intern for the Hon. Alan Albright of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he prepared court documents for several high-profile patent cases. At the University of Texas School of Law, Andrew served as editor-in-chief of the *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*. He received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin, with a concentration on both synthetic and analytical chemistry.

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2023, Editor-in-Chief, *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*
- University of Texas at Austin, B.S., Chemistry, 2020, Distinction in Service and Leadership

Related Employment

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Judicial Intern for the Hon. Alan Albright, 2021