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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MPL BRANDS NV, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BUZZBALLZ, LLC,
Patent Owner.

PGR2024-00035
Patent 11,932,441 B1

Before KEN B. BARRETT, ERIC C. JESCHKE, and CYNTHIA M. HARDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HARDMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Petitioner's Motion for Admission
Pro Hac Vice of Andrew Kalamarides
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

Petitioner filed a motion requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Andrew Kalamarides. Paper 13 ("Motion" or "Mot."). Petitioner also filed a Declaration from Mr. Kalamarides Ex. 1018 ("Decl."); a Power of Attorney in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 42.10(b) (Paper 2); and Mandatory Notices, identifying Mr. Kalamarides as backup-counsel (Paper 12).

For the reasons provided below, Petitioner's Motion is *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. Based on the facts in the Motion and Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Kalamarides has sufficient qualifications to represent Petitioner in this proceeding, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of this proceeding, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Decl. Accordingly, Petitioner has established good cause for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Kalamarides.

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

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Andrew Kalamarides is *granted*;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Kalamarides is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Kalamarides comply with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide[1] (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)) 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 Mr. Kalamarides 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*.

[1] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated.

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