

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY INC.
Petitioner

v.

COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY
Patent Owner

Case PGR2024-00050
Patent No. 11,920,339

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT

Patent Owner Columbia Insurance Company requests in-person oral argument under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a). The oral argument is presently scheduled for December 2, 2025, although the Parties are contemplating requesting that the oral argument be postponed to the week of December 15, 2025, to permit the Parties additional time to continue negotiating and hopefully finalize a settlement. Paper 12. The issues to be argued include the following:

1. The proper construction of claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 11,920,339 (“the ‘339 patent”);
2. The proper construction of the proposed substitute claims 32-51 of the ‘339 patent;
3. Whether Petitioner has met its burden of proving any of its asserted grounds of unpatentability of claims 1-31 of the ‘339 patent;
4. If any of original claims 1-31 are found to be unpatentable, whether Petitioner has met its burden of proving that the corresponding proposed substitute claim (claims 32-51) is unpatentable.
5. Any procedural and evidentiary issues raised by the parties;
6. Any additional issues the parties raise or propose to raise at or before the oral argument; and
7. Any additional issues on which the Board seeks information or clarification.

Patent Owner further requests that each party be given sixty (60) minutes of time for its respective presentation, inclusive of any time reserved for rebuttal.

Patent Owner is further contemplating requesting additional argument time pursuant to the Legal Experience and Advancement Program (LEAP).

Patent Owner requests the use of audio-visual equipment to assist its arguments and to display its demonstrative exhibits. Specifically, Patent Owner requests the use of a computer-connectable projector and a screen or monitor.

Patent Owner requests the services of a court reporter to transcribe the proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the undersigned certifies that on October 20, 2025, a copy of the PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8 was served via email on the following:

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