

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
U.S. Patent No. 11,920,339

**JOINT REQUEST TO KEEP SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BUSINESS
CONFIDENTIAL AND SEPARATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c)**

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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), Petitioner Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc. (“Simpson” or “Petitioner”) and Patent Owner Columbia Insurance Company (“Columbia” or “Patent Owner”) hereby jointly request that a true copy of their Settlement Agreement, filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit 1090, be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the file of this post-grant review (PGR) proceeding. Concurrently with the filing of this Request, Petitioner and Patent Owner are filing a Joint Motion to Terminate this post-grant review due to the settlement between the parties. The Board authorized the parties to file this joint request in an email of November 24, 2025.

The parties consider the settlement agreement to contain highly sensitive confidential business information that would substantially harm their business interests if publicly disclosed. As such, the parties hereby jointly request that the Settlement Agreement be kept as a separate paper to be made available only under the provisions of 35 U.S.C § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The parties hereby certify that, to the best of their knowledge, the document sought to be protected has not been made publicly available. The settlement agreement has been filed for access by the “Board and Parties Only.” The parties further jointly request that the Board order that in the event a person or entity makes a written request, as stated in 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c)(1)-(2), for access to the Settlement Agreement, that

any such written request be served upon the parties on the day the written request is provided to the Board.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e)(1))

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing
**JOINT REQUEST TO KEEP AGREEMENT BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL
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electronically via e-mail on December 1, 2025, on the following counsel for Patent
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