

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP,
Petitioner,
v.

AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00041
Patent 12,039,243

**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM R. WOODFORD IN SUPPORT OF
AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC’S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE*
ADMISSION OF WILLIAM R. WOODFORD
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

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This declaration is given in support of AutoConnect Holdings LLC's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of William R. Woodford.

1. I am a Partner and Founder at the law firm of Avantech Law LLP.
2. I have over 20 years of patent litigation experience.
3. For over twenty years I have practiced law as a patent litigator at intellectual property law firms. In that time I have been involved in numerous patent litigations in federal court, and I am well acquainted with the laws governing patentability.
4. I am a member in good standing of the Minnesota State Bar (Bar No. 0322593). I am also permitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, the District of Colorado, the Western District of Wisconsin, the United States of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Eighth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.
5. I have read and understand the pleadings submitted by Patent Owner and Petitioner in this proceeding. I have reviewed in detail U.S. Patent 12,039,243, which is the patent challenged in this proceeding. I have also reviewed the Exhibits submitted in this proceeding.
6. I am counsel for AutoConnect Holdings LLC in two related litigations in United States District Court involving U.S. Patent No. 12,039,243, including *AutoConnect Holdings LLC v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.*, Case No. 2:24-cv-

00802 (Eastern District of Texas) and *AutoConnect Holdings LLC v. General Motors LLC*, Case No. 2:24-cv-877 (Eastern District of Texas).

7. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body. I have never been denied admission to practice before any court or administrative body.

8. I have never been subject to sanctions or contempt citations from any court of administrative body.

9. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)) and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

10. I understand that I will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

11. I have not requested pro hac admission to appear in any proceedings before the Office within the last three years.

12. I executed this declaration on November 17, 2025, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dated: November 17, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

/William R. Woodford/
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