

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STRAUMANN USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART DENTURE CONVERSIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. PGR2025-00054

U.S. Patent No. 12,156,781

PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the scheduling order (Paper No. 16 at 7-9), Petitioner Straumann USA, LLC (“Petitioner”) respectfully requests oral argument, which is currently scheduled for September 9, 2026 and consolidated with oral argument in IPR2025-00956 by Order of the Board dated July 23, 2026. *See* IPR2025-00956, Paper No. 39 at 2-3.

For PGR2025-00054,¹ Petitioner requests to address the following issues at the hearing (without waiving consideration of any issue not listed below):

- (1) unpatentability of the challenged claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 12,156,781, including:
 - (i) unpatentability of claims 6 and 10-16 as indefinite (Ground 1);
 - (ii) unpatentability of claims 1-16 as lacking adequate written description and enablement (Ground 2);
 - (iii) unpatentability of claims 10, 12, and 15-16 as obvious based on Bernhard, Poovey and Gracco (Ground 3); and
 - (iv) unpatentability of claims 1-9, 11, and 13-14 as obvious over Bernhard, Poovey, Gracco and Derey (Ground 4);

¹ Petitioner’s request for oral argument in IPR2025-00956 (Paper No. 35) addresses the issues relating to IPR2025-00956 to be addressed at the September 9, 2026 consolidated hearing.

- (2) the arguments and evidence in Petitioner's Petition, Petitioner's Reply, and the supporting declaration of Petitioner's expert, John Brunski, including Petitioner's responses to Patent Owner's arguments and evidence in the Patent Owner Response and the supporting declarations of Patent Owner's expert, Karl Leinsing;
- (3) any procedural and evidentiary issues raised in any motion to exclude or motion to strike (if not addressed in a pre-hearing conference);
- (4) any other issue identified by Patent Owner in its request for oral argument;
- (5) Petitioner's rebuttal to Patent Owner's presentation on all matters; and
- (6) any additional issues on which the Board seeks clarification.

Pursuant to the Board's Order granting consolidation of oral argument, Petitioner intends to use a total of ninety (90) minutes for presenting oral argument for the two proceedings together, with the opportunity to reserve a portion of that time for rebuttal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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