

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STRAUMANN USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART DENTURE CONVERSIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00054
Patent 12,156,781 B1

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

July 28, 2026

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a) and the Scheduling Order (Paper 16), Patent Owner Smart Denture Conversions, LLC (“Patent Owner”) respectfully requests oral argument in this proceeding.¹

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Patent Owner proposes that the oral argument cover the following issues from this PGR²:

- Whether the Institution Decision’s implicit claim construction was incorrect, *see* Patent Owner’s Response (Paper 29) at 20–27;
- Whether claims 6 and 10–16 are sufficiently definite, *see id.* at 27–35;
- Whether the ’781 Patent’s specification disclosed more than a single embodiment of the claimed invention, *see id.* at 36–52;
- Whether the ’781 Patent’s specification adequately disclosed the claimed genus of temporary fasteners, *see id.* at 52–62;
- Whether combining Petitioner’s prior-art references would meet all the limitations of the claimed invention, *see id.* at 70–77; and

¹ Oral argument is currently scheduled for September 9, 2026 and has been consolidated with oral argument in IPR2025-00956. *See* Order Setting Oral Argument (Paper 39), IPR2025-00956 (“IPR Consolidation Order”).

² Patent Owner’s Request for Oral Argument in IPR2025-00956 (Paper 36) addresses the IPR issues to be addressed at the consolidated hearing.

- Any issue identified by Petitioner in its request for oral argument, including issues necessary to address in rebuttal of Petitioner’s arguments.

Patent Owner requests that each party be allotted ninety minutes for argument in the consolidated hearing,³ with the opportunity to reserve a portion thereof for rebuttal and (for Patent Owner) sur-rebuttal.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 28, 2026

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³ The Board “authorize[d] 90 minutes of argument for each party,” “[w]ith the assumption that the parties timely request oral argument in PGR2025-00054 and that oral argument concerning the two proceedings will be presented together.” IPR Consolidation Order at 2.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 28, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Patent Owner's Request for Oral Argument to be served via email on Petitioner at the following addresses:

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