

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SURROZEN OPERATING, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. PGR2026-00027

U.S. PATENT NO. 12,297,278

**PATENT OWNER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE*
ADMISSION OF JEANNA WACKER**

Patent Owner Surrozen Operating, Inc. ("Patent Owner") requests the Board recognize Jeanna Wacker as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding.

This Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* is being filed with the Board's authorization (Paper 3 at 3) under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). The Declaration of Jeanna Wacker supporting this motion is filed as Ex. 2001. Patent Owner has confirmed that Petitioner does not oppose this motion in correspondence with Petitioner dated April 22, 2026.

I. TIME FOR FILING

Pursuant to Paper No. 3 and the "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission" in Case IPR2013-00639, this motion for *pro hac vice* admission is being filed no sooner than twenty-one (21) days after service of the petition.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS ESTABLISHING GOOD CAUSE

Patent Owner's lead counsel is a registered practitioner: Gregg F. LoCascio (Reg. No. 55,396).

As demonstrated below, there is good cause for the Board to recognize Ms. Wacker *pro hac vice*.

1. Ms. Wacker is an experienced patent litigation attorney with over 20 years of experience representing clients in patent litigation matters in various United States Federal District Courts, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the United States International Trade Commission. Ex. 2001

¶ 1. Several of these matters involved technologies relevant to United States Patent No. 12,297,278 (“the ’278 Patent”) at issue in this proceeding. *Id.*

2. Ms. Wacker has an established familiarity with the subject matter of the ’278 Patent through participating in the preparation of Patent Owner’s forthcoming pleadings and has reviewed all of the Papers and Exhibits in this proceeding. *Id.* ¶ 5. Ms. Wacker also has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue as an experienced attorney with litigation experience involving technologies relevant to the ’278 Patent. *Supra* ¶ 1; Ex. 2001 ¶¶ 1, 5.

3. Ms. Wacker is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York. She is also admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York, and District of Colorado. *Id.* ¶ 4.

4. Ms. Wacker has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body. *Id.* ¶ 7.

5. Ms. Wacker has never been sanctioned or cited for contempt by any court or administrative body. *Id.* ¶ 8.

6. Ms. Wacker has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and with the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trial set forth in 37 C.F.R. part 42. *Id.* ¶ 9.

7. Ms. Wacker agrees to be subject to the United States Patent and

Trademark Office Code 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). Ex. 2001 ¶ 10.

8. Ms. Wacker has not applied *pro hac vice* in any USPTO proceedings in the past three (3) years. *Id.* ¶ 11.

9. Ms. Wacker has never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied. *Id.* ¶ 12.

III. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF MS. WACKER IN THIS PROCEEDING

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and any other conditions the Board may impose. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c); *see also Cox Commc'ns, Inc. v. AT&T Intell. Prop. II, L.P.*, IPR2015-01273, Paper 55, at 2 (P.T.A.B. July 28, 2016). Here, that condition is satisfied because Patent Owner's lead counsel Gregg F. LoCascio is a registered practitioner before the Board.

Good cause exists to admit Ms. Wacker *pro hac vice*. In *Cox*, the Board found good cause to grant a motion for *pro hac vice* admission of an attorney who “ha[d] been involved in numerous other matters involving technology related to the patents in dispute [t]here,” holding that he “ha[d] sufficient legal and technical qualifications

to represent [the patent owner].” *Id.* at 3. The same is true here. Ms. Wacker is an experienced attorney who has been representing clients in patent litigation matters involving technology related to the '278 Patent in dispute here for over 20 years. Ex. 2001 ¶ 1.

In view of Ms. Wacker's extensive patent litigation experience and her specific knowledge of the subject matter of this proceeding, Patent Owner has a substantial need for Ms. Wacker's *pro hac vice* admission and her involvement in the continued prosecution of this proceeding.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Patent Owner respectfully requests that Ms. Wacker be admitted *pro hac vice*.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Jeanna Wacker, together with all exhibits and other documents filed therewith, was served by email on the Petitioner's counsel of record at the United States Patent & Trademark Office having the following addresses:

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