

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SURROZEN OPERATING, INC.,
Patent Owner.

PGR2026-00027
Patent 12,297,278 B2

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, *Chief Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of
Jeanna Wacker and Ashley Ross
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

Surrozen Operating, Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed unopposed motions requesting admission *pro hac vice* of Jeanna Wacker (Paper 6) and Ashley Ross (Paper 7) (“Motions”) and supporting declarations of Jeanna Wacker (Ex. 2001) and Ashley Ross (Ex. 2002) (“Declarations”). Patent Owner’s Motions are granted.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motions (Papers 6, 7) are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Jeanna Wacker and Ashley Ross will be authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Jeanna Wacker and Ashley Ross be familiar with the PTAB Trial Practice Guide,¹ comply with the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. part 42, and be subject to the Office’s disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a) and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*²

¹ Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Trial Practice Guide (Dec. 2025), *available at* <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide>.

² The Declarations state that “I agree 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; Ex. 2002 ¶ 10), but an individual seeking *pro hac vice* admission must attest that “[t]he individual will be subject to *the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct* set forth in 37 CFR 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 CFR 11.19(a).” Paper 3 at 4–5 (emphasis added). These oversights are excused.

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