
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA INC.
Petitioner

v.

GERM DOME INDUSTRIES LLC
Patent Owner.

PGR2023-00030
Patent No. 12,296,061

DECLARATION OF STEVEN SUSSER

In support of the Notice of Intent to Designate a Provisionally Recognized PTAB Attorney as Back-up Counsel on behalf of Germ Dome Industries LLC (“Germ Dome”), I, Steven Susser, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney in good standing and licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan and the State of New York.

2. I do not have any suspensions or disbarments from practice before any court or administrative body and have never been suspended or disbarred for a disciplinary reason. From June 7, 1999 to June 13, 2000 my registration with the New York State Unified Court System lapsed due to unintentional nonpayment of dues. I renewed my registration in the State of New York in 2000 and have maintained it since.

3. No application for admission to practice before any court has ever been denied.

4. I have never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed by any court or administrative body.

5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.

6. I am 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).

7. I am an experienced litigation attorney in patent, trademark, copyright, and commercial matters. I have an established familiarity with this matter because I represent patent owner Germ Dome in patent infringement matters, including the co-pending district court litigation captioned *Germ Dome Industries LLC v. Hyundai Motor America*, Case No. 8:25-cv-2593 pending in the Central District of California, in which Germ Dome has asserted the patent at issue in this proceeding against Petitioner Hyundai Motor America. Through my representation of Germ Dome I have become familiar with Germ Dome's patents, relevant prior art to Germ Dome's patents, and the reasons Germ Dome's patents are patentable.

8. I am not a registered practitioner before the Office.

9. I have applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the following matter before the Office: *Prolime Agricultural LLC and Caudill Seed and Warehouse Co., Inc. v. Sul4r-Plus, LLC*, Inter Partes Review No. IPR2024-00236. I was recognized *pro hac vice* in the foregoing proceeding (*see* Paper 11, Order Granting Petitioner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Steven Susser dated March 13, 2024). I have not subsequently been denied permission to appear *pro hac vice* in any Board proceeding.

10. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: March ⁵____, 2026

By: *Steven Susser*

Steven Susser

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