

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

STRAUMANN USA, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

SMART DENTURE CONVERSIONS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

PGR2026-00070
Patent 12,551,319

**PATENT OWNER'S MANDATORY NOTICES
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.8**

September 1, 2026

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8, Patent Owner Smart Denture Conversions, LLC (“Patent Owner”) submits the following mandatory notices.

I. Real Party-in-Interest (37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(1))

Patent Owner Smart Denture Conversions, LLC is the real party-in-interest.

II. Related Matters (37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(2))

Patent Owner is aware of the following judicial or administrative matters that would affect, or be affected by, a decision in this proceeding:

- *Smart Denture Conversions, LLC v. Straumann USA, LLC*, pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 1:24-cv-00507-JCB, which involve claims of infringement of two related patents (U.S. Patent Nos. 11,937,992 and 12,156,781);
- *Straumann USA, LLC v. Smart Denture Conversions, LLC*, No. IPR2025-00956, in which trial has been instituted regarding a related patent (U.S. Patent No. 11,937,992); and
- *Straumann USA, LLC v. Smart Denture Conversions, LLC*, No. PGR2025-00054, in which trial has been instituted regarding a related patent (U.S. Patent No. 12,156,781).

U.S. Patent No. 12,551,319 is related to the following patent applications:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 18/827,656, filed September 6, 2024, resulting in the patent at issue in this proceeding;

- U.S. Patent Application No. 18/829,490, issued on June 3, 2025 as U.S. Patent No. 12,318,266;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 18/328,730, issued on March 26, 2024 as U.S. Patent No. 11,937,992;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 17/691,108, issued on June 3, 2025 as U.S. Patent No. 12,318,265; and
- U.S. Patent Application No. 16/596,361, issued on April 26, 2022 as U.S. Patent No. 11,311,354.

III. Lead Counsel and Back-Up Counsel (37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3))

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John L. Gibbons, backup counsel listed above, is a provisionally recognized PTAB attorney. Patent Owner will file a notice of intent to designate Mr. Gibbons as backup counsel pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10.

Filed with these Mandatory Notices is a Power of Attorney executed by Patent Owner appointing the above lead and back-up counsel.

IV. Service Information (37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(4))

Patent Owner consents to service via electronic mail and postal mail at the addresses listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 1, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 1, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Patent Owner's Mandatory Notices under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8 to be served via email on Petitioner at the following addresses:

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