

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 NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE
PROVISIONALLY RECOGNIZED PTAB ATTORNEY
AS BACK-UP COUNSEL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(2)**

September 3, 2026

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(2), Patent Owner Smart Denture Conversions, LLC (“Patent Owner”) respectfully notifies the Board of its intent to designate provisionally recognized PTAB attorney John L. Gibbons as back-up counsel in this proceeding.

I. Lead Counsel

Kelsey I. Nix (Reg. No. 43,343) is lead counsel for Patent Owner in this proceeding.

II. Certifications for Back-Up Counsel

Patent Owner designates John L. Gibbons as back-up counsel due to his experience representing Patent Owner in related patent matters and his familiarity with the substantive and legal issues in this proceeding. The Board most recently granted *pro hac vice* admission of John L. Gibbons in IPR2025-00956 and PGR2025-00054. *See* IPR2025-00956 (Paper 23) (PTAB Feb. 10, 2026); PGR2025-00054 (Paper 23) (PTAB Feb. 10, 2026).

John L. Gibbons satisfies the requirements set forth by the Board for *pro hac vice* recognition of a provisionally recognized PTAB attorney in this proceeding. John L. Gibbons agrees to be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and to the Board’s disciplinary jurisdiction under § 11.19(a). This Notice is accompanied by a Declaration of John L. Gibbons,

attesting to the requirements set forth by the Board in the Notice of Filing Date
(Paper 3) at 3, 5–6.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 3, 2026

By: /s/ Kelsey I. Nix
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 3, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Patent Owner's Notice of Intent to Designate Provisionally Recognized PTAB Attorney as Back-Up Counsel Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(2) to be served via email on Petitioner at the following addresses:

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