

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SQUARE, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

THINK COMPUTER CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

Case CBM2015-00067
Patent 8,396,808 B2

Before TONI R. SCHEINER and MICHAEL W. KIM, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KIM, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

On August 13, 2015, a conference call was held between counsel for Petitioner and Patent Owner, as well as Judges Scheiner and Kim. On August 12, 2015, Patent Owner filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel for Patent Owner Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.116(b). Paper 16; "Motion".

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Specifically, the Motion requested withdrawal of Mr. Sean Goodwin from the proceeding as counsel for Patent Owner. The Motion was filed without prior Board authorization. Moreover, the Motion did not address the impact of the requested withdrawal on Patent Owner in light of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10.

During the call, Mr. Goodwin requested authorization to file a motion to withdraw based on several financial, personal, and strategic hardships imposed by his current representation of Patent Owner. Neither party objected to this request. On these representations, the Board informed Mr. Goodwin that while the Motion would be expunged, that Mr. Goodwin was authorized to file another motion for withdrawal. In the motion, Mr. Goodwin must show why his current situation constitutes good cause sufficient for the Board to exercise its discretion under 37 C.F.R. § 42.5 to waive Patent Owner's compliance with several requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10, in particular subparts (a) and (c).

IT IS ORDERED that Paper 16 is expunged; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Goodwin is authorized to file a motion to withdraw as counsel, limited to three pages, by August 18, 2015.

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