

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

U.S. ENDOSCOPY GROUP, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

CDX DIAGNOSTICS, INC. and
SHARED MEDICAL RESOURCES, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-00642
Patent 6,258,044 B1

Before PHILLIP J. KAUFFMAN, SCOTT E. KAMHOLZ, and
BARRY L. GROSSMAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KAMHOLZ, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

SCHEDULING ORDER

A. Due Dates

This order sets due dates for the parties to take action after institution of the proceeding. The parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1 through 6 (earlier or later, but no later than the date set herein for

DUE DATE 6). A notice of the stipulation, specifically identifying the changed due dates, must be filed with the Board prior to any filing that depends on the stipulation for timeliness. The parties may not stipulate to a change of DUE DATE 7.

In stipulating to different times, the parties should consider the effect of the stipulation on times to object to evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)), to supplement evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(2)), to conduct cross-examination (37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2)), and to draft papers depending on the evidence and cross-examination testimony (*see* section B, below).

The parties are reminded that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed.Reg. 48,756, 48,772 (Aug. 14, 2012) (Appendix D), apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

1. Initial conference call

No initial conference call is scheduled for this case. The parties are encouraged to contact the Board to request a call if any issues arise during trial.

2. Motion to Amend conference

The Patent Owner is reminded that it must confer with the Board before filing a Motion to Amend. 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a). Patent Owner should contact the Board to request the conference in sufficient time to

ensure that the conference is conducted at least one week before DUE DATE 1.

3. Due Date 1

The patent owner may file—

- a. A response to the petition (37 C.F.R. § 42.120), and
- b. A motion to amend the patent (37 C.F.R. § 42.121).

The patent owner must file any such response or motion to amend by DUE DATE 1. If the patent owner elects not to file anything, the patent owner must arrange a conference call with the parties and the Board. The patent owner is cautioned that any arguments for patentability not raised in the response will be deemed waived.

4. Due Date 2

The petitioner must file any reply to the patent owner's response and opposition to the motion to amend by DUE DATE 2.

5. Due Date 3

The patent owner must file any reply to the petitioner's opposition to patent owner's motion to amend by DUE DATE 3.

6. Due Date 4

- a. Each party must file any motion for an observation on the cross-examination testimony of a reply witness (*see* section C, below) by DUE DATE 4.
- b. Each party must file any motion to exclude evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(c)) and any request for oral argument (37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a)) by DUE DATE 4.

7. Due Date 5

a. Each party must file any response to an observation on cross-examination testimony by DUE DATE 5.

b. Each party must file any opposition to a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 5.

8. Due Date 6

Each party must file any reply for a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 6.

9. Due Date 7

The oral argument (if requested by either party) is set for DUE DATE 7.

B. Cross-Examination

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due. 37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).

2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id.*

C. Motion for Observation on Cross-Examination

A motion for observation on cross-examination provides the parties with a mechanism to draw the Board's attention to relevant cross-examination testimony of a reply witness because no further substantive paper is permitted after the reply. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,768 (Aug. 14, 2012). The observation must be a concise statement of the relevance of precisely identified testimony to a

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precisely identified argument or portion of an exhibit. Each observation should not exceed a single, short paragraph. The opposing party may respond to the observation. Any response must be equally concise and specific.

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