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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS INC., Petitioner

v.

INTELLECTUAL VENTURES II, LLC Patent Owner

> IPR2016-01404 U.S. Patent 6,968,459

PETITIONER'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND SUBSTITUTE NEW COUNSEL

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), and as authorized by the Board in an email dated March 17, 2017 (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 42.20(b)), counsel for Petitioner, Unified Patents Inc., respectfully files this Motion to Withdraw Counsel and Substitute New Counsel. Per the Board's e-mail, this Motion is accompanied by a new Power of Attorney and Updated Mandatory Notices.

II. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Petitioner wishes to withdraw lead counsel, P. Andrew Riley. Mr. Riley has resigned from Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP, the law firm representing Petitioner in this proceeding, requiring the designation of new lead counsel. Petitioner designates new lead counsel, Lionel M. Lavenue (Registration No. 46,859) and new back up counsel Roshan Suresh Mansinghani (Registration No. 62,429) to represent Petitioner going forward in this proceeding. Petitioner's new counsel meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) as registered practitioners. No extensions of time are sought with this Motion. It is believed that granting this Motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C § 316(b).

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b), a new Power of Attorney is filed concurrently herewith. Also, Petitioner is concurrently filing Updated Mandatory Notices under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3) listing Petitioner's new lead and backup counsel. Counsel for Patent Owner regarding Petitioner's request to change counsel, and has not objected the withdrawal of current counsel or to the substitution of new counsel.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner and withdrawing counsel respectfully request that this Motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 30, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **PETITIONER'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL AND SUBSTITUTE NEW COUNSEL** was served on March 30, 2017, via email directed to counsel of record for the patent owner at the following:

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