

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNIFIED PATENTS INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

JOHN L. BERMAN,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2016-01571  
Patent 5,523,791

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Before KEN B. BARRETT, PATRICK M. BOUCHER, and  
MELISSA A. HAAPALA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HAAPALA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER  
Withdrawal of Counsel  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

Pursuant to our authorization, Petitioner filed a Motion to Withdraw Counsel and Substitute New Counsel. Paper 15. Petitioner indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the motion and no opposition has been filed. Petitioner requests that we authorize the withdrawal of P. Andrew Riley as lead counsel, and designate Lionel M. Lavenue as new lead counsel. *Id.* Petitioner asserts Mr. Lavenue is a registered practitioner and is included on the Power of Attorney in this proceeding. *Id.*

We note that this proceeding is concluded. *See* Paper 10 (Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review), Paper 12 (Decision Denying Request for Rehearing). However, we see no reason not to grant Petitioner's requests under these circumstances.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Petitioner's request to withdraw Mr. P. Andrew Riley as lead counsel is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Lionel M. Lavenue will be recognized as lead counsel for Petitioner, effective the date of this decision.

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