

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WHATSAPP INC,
Petitioner,

v.

TRIPLAY COMMUNICATIONS LTD,
Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2016-01659 and IPR2016-01660
Patent 9,049,574 B2

Before THU A. DANG, JOSIAH C. COCKS, and MICHAEL R. ZECHER,
Administrative Patent Judges.

COCKS, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER

Granting Petitioner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Yuan Liang
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

As authorized in the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 5), Petitioner, WhatsApp Inc. (“Petitioner”), moves for admission *pro hac vice* of Mr. Yuan Linag (Paper 12, “Motion”).¹ Patent Owner, Triplay Communications Ltd, did not file an opposition to the Motion. The Motion is *granted*. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c); see also IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (setting forth requirements for *pro hac vice* admission).²

It is

ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion seeking admission *pro hac vice* for Yuan Liang is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in this proceeding only;

FURTHER ORDERED that a registered practitioner must remain as lead counsel throughout the proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of the C.F.R.; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is to be subject to the Office’s disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.*

¹ In support of the Motion, Petitioner filed a Declaration (Ex. 1129) and biography (Ex. 1128) of Mr. Liang.

² Available at http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/ptab_trials.jsp, “Representative Orders, Decisions, and Notices,” “Other Representative Orders and Decisions”).

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