

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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FACEBOOK, INC. and INSTAGRAM LLC,  
Petitioner,

v.

SKKY, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2017-00088 (Patent 9,124,718 B2)<sup>1</sup>  
Case IPR2017-00089 (Patent 9,118,693 B2)  
Case IPR2017-00092 (Patent 9,124,717 B2)  
Case IPR2017-00097 (Patent 8,892,465 B2)

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Before JUSTIN T. ARBES, CARL M. DEFRANCO, and  
ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION  
Motions for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

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<sup>1</sup> This Decision pertains to each of these cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue a single Decision to be filed in each case. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner filed motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Mark R. Weinstein and Yuan Liang in the above-listed proceedings. Papers 11, 12 (collectively, “Motions”).<sup>2</sup> For the following reasons, the Motions are *granted*.

## II. ANALYSIS

Counsel may be admitted *pro hac vice* upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel is a registered practitioner. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Specifically, if lead counsel is a registered practitioner, back-up counsel may be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* “upon showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” *Id.* For the reasons set forth in the Motions and the accompanying declarations of Mr. Weinstein (Ex. 1063) and Mr. Liang (Ex. 1065), we find that good cause exists to admit Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Liang *pro hac vice* in the above-listed proceedings.

## III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Motions are *granted*, and Mark R. Weinstein and Yuan Liang are authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in the above-listed proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that a registered practitioner will continue to represent Petitioner as lead counsel in the above-listed proceedings; and

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<sup>2</sup> This Decision cites to the record of IPR2017-00088.

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Liang are to comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, and the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, and are subject to the USPTO's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*, and to the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

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