

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GUARDIAN BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

JOHNS MANVILLE,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00633
Patent 6,245,282 B1

Before CHRISTOPHER L. CRUMBLEY, KRISTINA M. KALAN, and
ELIZABETH M. ROESEL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Unopposed Motion to Withdraw
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

On July 21, 2017, pursuant to authorization by the Board, Johns Manville (“Patent Owner”) filed a motion for withdrawal of its current counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, including its designated lead counsel Kristopher L. Reed and back-up counsel David E. Sipiora, in the above-captioned case. Paper 10, 1. Patent Owner further requests that the Board authorize Dinesh N. Melwani and Thara L. Russell of Bookoff McAndrews, PLLC, to appear as lead counsel and back-up counsel, respectively, in this proceeding. *Id.* Robert D. Touslee will remain as additional back-up counsel, according to Patent Owner. *Id.* Patent Owner represents that “Petitioner has indicated that it does not oppose the requested withdrawal and substitution of counsel for Patent Owner.” *Id.* at 3.

Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney on July 21, 2017, revoking all other powers previously granted in this proceeding, and appointing Mr. Melwani and Ms. Russell as its attorneys. Paper 11, 1. Patent Owner indicates that Mr. Melwani and Ms. Russell are both registered practitioners. *Id.*

The motion is *granted*.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion to Withdraw Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, including its designated lead counsel Kristopher L. Reed and back-up counsel David E. Sipiora, is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, including designated lead counsel Kristopher L. Reed and back-up counsel David E. Sipiora, is permitted to withdraw as counsel for Patent Owner in this proceeding;

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FURTHER ORDERED that Dinesh N. Melwani is recognized as lead counsel and Thara L. Russell is recognized as back-up counsel for Patent Owner, effective as of the date of this Decision; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Robert D. Touslee shall remain as additional back-up counsel for Patent Owner.

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