

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SANOFI-AVENTIS DEUTSCHLAND GMBH,
Patent Owner.

IPR2017-01526 (Patent 7,476,652 B2)
IPR2017-01528 (Patent 7,713,930 B2)¹

Before ERICA A. FRANKLIN, ROBERT A. POLLOCK, and
MICHELLE N. ANKENBRAND, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ANKENBRAND, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions to Withdraw Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

¹ This order pertains to both of these cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue a single order to be filed in each case. We do not authorize the parties to use this style heading for any subsequent papers.

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), Patent Owner filed a Motion for Withdrawal of Counsel in each of the above-listed proceedings (collectively “Motions”). Paper 96.² Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. *Id.* at 1. For the following reasons, the Motions are *granted*.

II. ANALYSIS

Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review only with authorization from the Board. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). The Motions request authorization to withdraw Mr. Aaron L.J. Pereira as back-up counsel for Patent Owner, stating that Mr. Pereira “is no longer associated with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.” Paper 96, 1. Having reviewed the Motions, we determine that good cause exists for granting Patent Owner’s Motions. We instruct Patent Owner to file updated mandatory notices removing Mr. Pereira as back-up counsel.

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Motions are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Aaron L.J. Pereira is withdrawn as counsel for Patent Owner in the above-listed proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall file an updated mandatory notice in each of the above-referenced proceedings removing Mr. Pereira as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

² Patent Owner filed substantively identical papers in both proceedings. We cite to the record of IPR2017-01526.

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