

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION,  
Petitioner,

v.

SUSAN McKNIGHT, INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2017-01686  
Patent 9,253,973 B2

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Before JAMES A. TARTAL, TIMOTHY J. GOODSON, and  
RICHARD H. MARSCHALL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TARTAL, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER  
Granting Petitioner's Motion for  
Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Naikang Tsao  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

As authorized by the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 5, 2), Petitioner United Industries Corporation filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Naikang Tsao. Paper 9.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner represents that Patent Owner Susan McKnight, Inc., does not oppose the Motion. *Id.* at 2. Petitioner's Motion is *granted*. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c); see also *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Order Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (setting forth requirements for *pro hac vice* admission).<sup>2</sup>

It is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission is *granted*, and Mr. Tsao is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in IPR2017-01686.

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in this *inter partes* review proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Tsao is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Title 37, Part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and that Mr. Tsao is 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.*

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner also filed a Declaration of Naikang Tsao in support of the Motion. Ex. 1025.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/appealing-patent-decisions/decisions-and-opinions/representative-orders>.

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