

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNIFIED PATENTS INC.  
Petitioner,

v.

WIRELESS MONITORING SYSTEMS LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2018-00027  
Patent 9,280,886 B2

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Before TREVOR M. JEFFERSON, BRIAN J. McNAMARA, and  
IRVIN E. BRANCH, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BRANCH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

SCHEDULING ORDER

## A. DUE DATES

This order sets due dates for the parties to take action after institution of the proceeding. The parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1 through 5 (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 6).<sup>1</sup> A notice of the stipulation, specifically identifying the changed due dates, must be filed promptly. The parties may not stipulate to an extension of DUE DATES 6 and 7.

In stipulating to different times, the parties should consider the effect of the stipulation on times to object to evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1)), to supplement evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(2)), to conduct cross-examination (37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2)), and to draft papers depending on the evidence and cross-examination testimony (*see* section B, below).

The parties are reminded that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the *Office Patent Trial Practice Guide*, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,772 (Aug. 14, 2012) (Appendix D), apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

### 1. INITIAL CONFERENCE CALL

The parties are directed to contact the Board within ten business days of the date of this Decision if there is a need to discuss proposed changes to this Scheduling Order or proposed motions. *See Office Patent Trial Practice*

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<sup>1</sup> The parties may not change DUE DATE 4 with respect to the requirement for requesting oral argument, without express authorization from the panel.

*Guide*, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,765–66 (Aug. 14, 2012) (setting forth guidance in preparing for the initial conference call).

## 2. DUE DATE 1

The patent owner may file—

- a. A response to the petition (37 C.F.R. § 42.120), and
- b. A motion to amend the patent (37 C.F.R. § 42.121).

The patent owner must file any such response or motion to amend by DUE DATE 1. If the patent owner elects not to file anything, the patent owner must arrange a conference call with the parties and the Board. The patent owner is cautioned that any arguments for patentability not raised in the response will be deemed waived.

## 3. DUE DATE 2

The petitioner must file any reply to the patent owner's response and opposition to the motion to amend by DUE DATE 2.

## 4. DUE DATE 3

The patent owner must file any reply to the petitioner's opposition to patent owner's motion to amend by DUE DATE 3.

## 5. DUE DATE 4

- a. Each party must file any observation on the cross-examination testimony of a reply witness (*see* section C, below) by DUE DATE 4.
- b. Each party must file any motion to exclude evidence (37 C.F.R. § 42.64(c)) and any request for oral argument (37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a)) by DUE DATE 4.

6. DUE DATE 5

a. Each party must file any response to any observations on cross-examination testimony by DUE DATE 5.

b. Each party must file any opposition to a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 5.

7. DUE DATE 6

Each party must file any reply to any opposition to a motion to exclude evidence by DUE DATE 6.

8. DUE DATE 7

The oral argument (if requested by either party) is set for DUE DATE 7.

B. CROSS-EXAMINATION

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due. 37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).

2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id.*

C. OBSERVATIONS ON CROSS-EXAMINATION

Observations on cross-examination provide the parties with a mechanism to draw the Board's attention to relevant cross-examination testimony of a reply witness because no further substantive paper is permitted after the reply. *See Office Patent Trial Practice Guide*, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,768 (Aug. 14, 2012). The observation must be a concise

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statement of the relevance of precisely identified testimony to a precisely identified argument or portion of an exhibit. Each observation should not exceed a single, short paragraph. The opposing party may respond to the observation. Any response must be equally concise and specific.

#### D. MOTION TO AMEND

Although the filing of a Motion to Amend is authorized under our rules, Patent Owner must confer with us before filing any Motion to Amend. 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a). Patent Owner should contact the Board to request such a conference, if necessary, at least ten business days before DUE DATE 1.

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