

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SZ DJI TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD. and PARROT INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

DRONE-CONTROL, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-00204 (Patent 8,200,375 B2)
Case IPR2018-00205 (Patent 8,380,368 B2)
Case IPR2018-00206 (Patent 8,649,918 B2)
Case IPR2018-00207 (Patent 9,079,116 B2)
Case IPR2018-00208 (Patent 9,568,913 B2)¹

Before PATRICK R. SCANLON and TIMOTHY J. GOODSON,
Administrative Patent Judges.

GOODSON, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ We exercise our discretion to issue one order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties may use this style heading only if the paper includes a statement certifying that the identical paper is being filed in each proceeding listed in the caption.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), Patent Owner filed Motions to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel in the above-referenced proceedings (collectively, “Motions”), seeking the withdrawal of Jeffrey G. Toler as lead counsel due to his inability to attend the upcoming oral argument and the withdrawal of Craig S. Jepson as back-up counsel due to his departure from Toler Law Group, PC. Paper 30, 1.² Patent Owner also requests the substitution of current back-up counsel, Aakash Parekh (who is a registered practitioner), as new lead counsel. Paper 30, 1–2. Patent Owner further indicates that the other current back-up counsel, Benjamin R. Johnson, will remain as back-up counsel. Paper 30, 2. The Motion states that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Paper 30, 3.

We have reviewed the Motions and determine that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 have been met.³ The Motions are *granted*. Patent Owner should file updated mandatory notices removing Mr. Toler as lead counsel, removing Mr. Jepson as back-up counsel, and substituting Mr. Parekh as lead counsel.

² For purposes of expediency, we cite to the Motion filed in IPR2018-00204. Similar Motions were filed in IPR2018-00205, IPR2018-00206, IPR2018-00207, and IPR2018-00208.

³ Patent Owner further indicates it will also add Grantland Drutchas and George Lyons III as additional back-up counsel at a later date. Paper 30, 2. Patent Owner is reminded that they are required to submit the appropriate papers before Mr. Drutchas and Mr. Lyons are authorized to act as back-up counsel.

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It is therefore,

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions are *granted* and Mr. Toler and Mr. Jepson are allowed to withdraw as counsel for the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Parekh is authorized to act as lead counsel for Patent Owner in the above-identified proceedings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall file updated mandatory notices removing Mr. Toler as lead counsel, removing Mr. Jepson as back-up counsel, and substituting Mr. Parekh as lead counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3).

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