

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NOKIA OF AMERICA CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

BLACKBERRY LTD.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-00635 Patent 6,996,418 B2
Case IPR2018-00637 Patent 8,897,192 B2¹

Before JAMES B. ARPIN, GARTH D. BAER, and AARON W. MOORE,
Administrative Patent Judges.

ARPIN, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION

Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Garrard Beeney, W. Rudolph Kleysteuber, and
Ying Angela Chang
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

¹ This Decision applies to each of the listed cases. We exercise our discretion to issue one Decision to be entered in each case. The parties are not authorized to use a multiple case caption.

I. INTRODUCTION

BlackBerry Ltd. (“Patent Owner”) filed Motions for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Garrard Beeney, W. Rudolph Kleysteuber, and Ying Angela Chang. IPR2018-00635, Papers 15–17; IPR2018-00637, Papers 16–18 (“the Motions”). Patent Owner indicates that it has conferred with Nokia of America Corporation (“Petitioner”) and that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. *E.g.*, IPR2018-00635, Paper 15, 1 (“Petitioner does not oppose this motion.”). For the reasons provided below, the Motions are *granted*.

II. DISCUSSION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner. The representative Order authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission requires a statement of facts showing there is good cause for us to recognize counsel *pro hac vice*, and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear. *See, e.g.*, IPR2018-00635, Paper 5, 2 (citing *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, Case IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”)).

In each of these proceedings, lead counsel for Patent Owner, Michael E. Cox, is a registered practitioner. *E.g.*, IPR2018-00635, Paper 3, 2. Patent Owner asserts that there is good cause for us to recognize Mr. Beeney, Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang *pro hac vice* in these proceedings. *E.g.*, IPR2018-00635, Paper 15, 1. Patent Owner’s assertions in this regard are adequately supported by the Declarations of Mr. Beeney,

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Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang and their biographies. IPR2018-00635, Exs. 2003–2005; IPR2018-00637, Exs. 2003–2005.

Having considered Patent Owner’s unopposed Motions and the exhibits filed in support of the Motions, Patent Owner has established that there is good cause for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Beeney, Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang in each proceeding.

III. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s unopposed Motions for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Garrard Beeney, W. Rudolph Kleysteuber, and Ying Angela Chang in Cases IPR2018-00635 and IPR2018-00637 are *granted*, and Mr. Beeney, Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang are authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Beeney, Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang shall comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Beeney, Mr. Kleysteuber, and Ms. Chang shall be subject to the Office’s disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), as well as the Office’s Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.*

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