

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FACEBOOK, INC., INSTAGRAM, LLC, and WHATSAPP INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

BLACKBERRY LIMITED,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-00942
Patent 8,677,250 B2

Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, GARTH D. BAER, and AARON W. MOORE,
Administrative Patent Judges.

BAER, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION
Granting Petitioners' Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of
Yuan Liang
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On February 6, 2020, Facebook, Inc., Instagram, LLC, and WhatsApp Inc. (“Petitioners”) filed a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Mr. Yuan Liang (Paper 19, “Motion”) in this proceeding, as well as a supporting declaration from Mr. Liang (Ex. 1017), and a biography of Mr. Liang (Ex. 1016). Petitioners represent that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. Motion 1.

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. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice*, and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See* Paper 5, 2 (citing *Unified Patents* (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”)).

Having reviewed Petitioners’ Motion and supporting declaration, good cause has been shown for granting admission *pro hac vice* to Mr. Liang in this proceeding.

ORDER

It is therefore,

ORDERED that Petitioners’ Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Yuan Liang in this proceeding is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Liang is authorized to represent Petitioners as back-up counsel only in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioners are to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in this proceeding;

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Liang shall comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), 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. Liang 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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