No. 20-74

IN THE Supreme Court of the United States

UNITED STATES,

Petitioner,

v.

IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES LLC, et al.,

Respondents.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

BRIEF IN OPPOSITION OF RESPONDENT BOLORO GLOBAL LIMITED

CARLOS VILLAMAR THE VILLAMAR FIRM, PLLC 3424 Washington Drive Falls Church, Virginia 22041 (703) 623-4122 MICHAEL R. CASEY Counsel of Record JAMES R. LOVE ROBERT TARCU OBLON, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, LLP 1940 Duke Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (703) 413-3000 mcasey@oblon.com

Counsel for Respondent Boloro Global Limited

298145

DO



COUNSEL PRESS (800) 274-3321 • (800) 359-6859

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether, for purposes of the Appointments Clause, U.S. Const. Art. II, § 2, Cl. 2, administrative patent judges of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are principal officers who must be appointed by the President with the Senate's advice and consent, or "inferior Officers" whose appointment Congress has permissibly vested in a department head.

2. Whether the court of appeals erred by adjudicating Appointments Clause challenges brought by litigants that had not presented such a challenge to the agency.

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 29.6, respondent Boloro Global Limited ("Boloro") states that it has no parent corporation and that no publicly held company owns 10% or more of its stock.

iii

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page
QUESTIONS PRESENTEDi
CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ii
TABLE OF CONTENTSiii
TABLE OF CITED AUTHORITIES iv
STATEMENT1
I. STATUTORY AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND1
II. PROCEEDINGS BELOW1
ARGUMENT2
I. Administrative Patent Judges of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Are Unconstitutionally Appointed Principal Officers
II. EVEN IF APJS ARE FOUND TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTED GENERALLY, RESPONDENT'S PTAB PANEL DECIDING ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101 WERE NOT4
III. THE APPOINTMENTS CLAUSE CHALLENGE Was Timely Raised
CONCLUSION

DOCKET A L A R M Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.

TABLE OF CITED AUTHORITIES

iv

Page

CASES

 Arthrex, Inc. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc., 941 F.3d 1320 (Fed. Cir. 2019), reh'g denied, 953 F.3d 760 (Fed. Cir. 2020), petitions for cert. pending, Nos. 19-1434 (filed June 25, 2020), 19-1452 (filed June 29, 2020), and 19-1458 (filed June 30, 2020) passim
Buckley v. Valeo, 424 U.S. 1 (1976)
Jones Bros., Inc. v. Sec'y of Labor, 898 F.3d 669 (6th Cir. 2018)6
<i>Thunder Basin Coal Co. v. Reich,</i> 510 U.S. 200 (1994)
STATUTES
35 U.S.C. § 101
35 U.S.C. § 318(a)
35 U.S.C. § 6(b)(1)4
35 U.S.C. § 6(c)

DOCKET A L A R M



Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.