

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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APPLE INC.,  
Petitioner

v.

SMARTFLASH LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case CBM2015-00016<sup>1</sup> (Patent 8,033,458 B2)  
Case CBM2015-00017 (Patent 8,061,598 B2)

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Before JENNIFER S. BISK, RAMA G. ELLURU, and  
JEREMY M. PLENZLER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PLENZLER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Granting Petitioner's Motion to Withdraw Counsel and  
Designate New Lead Counsel  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)*

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<sup>1</sup> Apple Inc. has been dismissed as Petitioner from this proceeding with respect to claim 1. Paper 50.

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On February 17, 2017, Petitioner filed a Supplemental Mandatory Notice designating Gabrielle E. Higgins, a registered practitioner, as lead counsel and James R. Batchelder as back-up counsel. Paper 61.<sup>2</sup> Concurrent with that filing, and pursuant to our authorization issued via email on February 15, 2017, Petitioner filed a motion to withdraw Mr. J. Steven Baughman, Ms. Megan F. Raymond, and Ms. Lauren N. Robinson as counsel in this proceeding. Paper 60 (“Mot.”), 1. Petitioner represents that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. Mot. 2. Petitioner’s Motion is granted.

#### ORDER

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion to Withdraw Counsel is granted;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. J. Steven Baughman, Ms. Megan F. Raymond, and Ms. Lauren N. Robinson are permitted to withdraw as counsel in this proceeding; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Gabrielle E. Higgins is recognized as lead counsel for Petitioner in this proceeding.

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<sup>2</sup> Citations are to CBM2015-00016.

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