

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WRIGHT MEDICAL GROUP, INC. and
WRIGHT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, INC.
Petitioners

v.

BONUTTI SKELETAL INNOVATIONS LLC
Patent Owner

Case IPR2014-00354
Patent 7,806,896 B1

Before WILLIAM V. SAINDON, MICHAEL R. ZECHER, and
RICHARD E. RICE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ZECHER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

A conference call in the above proceeding was held on March 4, 2014, between respective counsel for Petitioners and Patent Owner, and Judges Zecher, Saindon, and Rice. Counsel for Petitioners in IPR2013-00629 and IPR2014-00321 also participated in the call. The purpose of the call was to discuss the potential impact of this proceeding on IPR2013-00629 and IPR2014-00321.

Patent Owner began the call by informing the Board that both IPR2013-00629 and IPR2014-00321 seek review of U.S. Patent No. 7,806,896 B1 (“the ’896 patent”)—the same patent sought to be reviewed in this proceeding. Patent Owner explained that the Board already has instituted an *inter partes* review of claim 1 of the ’896 patent in IPR2013-00629. Patent Owner further explained that, if the Board institutes *inter partes* reviews in this proceeding and IPR2014-00321, certain efficiencies may be achieved by consolidating or joining all three proceedings. Counsel for each Petitioner agreed to work with Patent Owner to achieve efficiencies, but separately noted that, because the Board has yet to determine whether to institute an *inter partes* review in either this proceeding or IPR2014-00321, consolidating or joining all three proceedings is premature at this time. The Board agreed, but informed the parties that it may revisit the issue once a determination has been made whether to institute an *inter partes* review in this proceeding and IPR2014-00321.

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