

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CONOPCO, INC. dba UNILEVER,
Petitioner,

v.

THE PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2013-00505 (Patent 6,974,569 B2)
IPR2013-00509 (Patent 6,451,300 B1)
IPR2013-00510 (Patent 6,649,155 B1)
IPR2014-00506 (Patent 6,974,569 B2)
IPR2014-00507 (Patent 6,451,300 B1)
IPR2014-00628 (Patent 6,649,155 B1)¹

Before LORA M. GREEN, GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN, and
RAMA G. ELLURU, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

GREEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Motion to Withdraw
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

¹ This order addresses issues that are the same in all six cases. We exercise our discretion to issue one order to be filed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style heading in subsequent papers. All paper numbers refer to the paper numbers in IPR2013-00505.

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On June 5, 2014, Petitioner filed a Motion to Withdraw requesting withdrawal of its current lead and back-up counsel, Eldora L. Ellison and Robert G. Sterne, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Paper 24. Petitioner filed contemporaneously a new power of attorney (Paper 23), designating Joseph P. Meara (Reg. No. 44,932) as new lead counsel, and Michael R. Houston (Reg. No. 58,486) as new backup counsel.

Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding with authorization from the Board. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Counsel for Petitioner obtained permission to file the motion to withdraw in an e-mail dated May 30, 2014. As the motion designates new lead counsel, who is a registered practitioner, and does not seek any time extensions, we grant Petitioner's motion.

The new power of attorney does not revoke prior powers of attorney. *See* Paper 1. Consequently, the power of attorney granted Eldora L. Ellison and Robert G. Sterne have not been revoked, and they remain of record in this proceeding.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Withdraw is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Eldora L. Ellison and Robert G. Sterne are permitted to withdraw as counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Joseph P. Meara is recognized as Petitioner's lead counsel in this proceeding;

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FURTHER ORDERED that Michael R. Houston is recognized as Petitioner's backup counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall update the Board's electronic filing system to reflect the change in lead and back-up counsel.

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