

Petitioners

AMERICA, INC.

V.

ZOND, LLC Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2014-00604¹

Patent 6,896,775 B2

PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

This unopposed Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* admission is filed on behalf of Zond, LLC ("Zond" or "Patent Owner"). Zond respectfully moves that the Board recognize Mr. Tigran Vardanian as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding.

¹ Cases IPR 2014-01482 have been joined with the instant proceeding.



Petitioners do not oppose this motion.

1. Time for Filing

This Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission is being filed no sooner than twenty-one (21) days after service of the petition. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper No. 7.

2. Statement of Facts Showing Good Cause for Admission of Counsel Pro Hac Vice

Patent Owner has been authorized to file motions seeking admission *pro hac vice* under 37 C.F.R. 42.10(c). (Paper No. 4). Patent Owner's lead and back-up counsel are registered practitioners:

<u>Lead Counsel</u>: Tarek N. Fahmi, USPTO Reg. No. 41,402; and <u>Backup Counsel</u>: Dr. Gregory J. Gonsalves, USPTO Reg. No. 43,639.

Mr. Vardanian is a skilled litigator, has extensively participated in the copending litigation in federal district court involving the patent at issue in this proceeding, and if admitted, will be involved with the depositions that occur in this proceeding. U.S. Patent No. 6,896,775 is currently asserted by the Patent Owner in co-pending litigation, in the District of Massachusetts, 1:14-cv-12438-WGY (*Zond v. Gillette*, et al.) ("the co-pending litigation"). Mr. Vardanian is a member of the New York and Illinois bars in good standing, and is representing the Patent Owner in the co-pending litigation.



Mr. Vardanian has analyzed prior art references and claim charts in connection with invalidity contentions and has been involved in forming claim construction positions related to the claimed inventions, all of which are relevant to the petition requesting *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 6,896,775. Patent Owner wishes to apply Mr. Vardanian's knowledge of the patent by employing him as counsel in this proceeding. Admission of Mr. Vardanian *pro hac vice* will enable Patent Owner to avoid unnecessary expense and duplication of work between this proceeding and the co-pending litigation.

Patent Owner's lead and backup counsel are registered practitioners and Mr. Vardanian is an experienced litigation attorney having familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. Therefore, Patent Owner respectfully submits that there is good cause for the Board to recognize Mr. Vardanian as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding.

Patent Owner is filing (or has filed) motions to admit three additional attorneys (Tigran Vardanian, Etai Lahav, and Maria Granovsky) *pro hac vice* to all the petitions associated with U.S. Patents 6853142, 7147759, 7604716, 7808184, 7811421, 6896775, 8125155, and 6896773. Given that there are 25 such petitions instituted over eight different patents, with numerous petitioners, Patent Owner needs additional attorneys admitted to be able to address the several depositions and related preparation that are expected to take place in the coming



weeks.

3. Affidavit of Individual Seeking to Appear

This Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission is supported by an Affidavit of

Mr. Vardanian (Ex. 2003).

Date: November 26, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT OWNER'S EXHIBIT LIST IPR2014-00578

Exhibit No.	Description
Ex. 2001	Affidavit of Etai Lahav in Support of Patent Owner's
	Motion for <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> Admission
Ex. 2002	Affidavit of Maria Granovsky in Support of Patent
	Owner's Motion for <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> Admission
Ex. 2003	Affidavit of Tigran Vardanian in Support of Patent
	Owner's Motion for <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> Admission



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