

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

THE GILLETTE COMPANY, TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD., TSMC NORTH AMERICA
CORPORATION, FUJITSU SEMICONDUCTOR LIMITED, and FUJITSU
SEMICONDUCTOR AMERICA, INC.,

Petitioners,

v.

ZOND, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2014-00580, IPR2014-00726¹
Patent 6,896,773 B2

Before KEVIN F. TURNER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Motions for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Mr. Tigran Vardanian
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Decision addresses the same issues in the *inter partes* reviews listed herein. Therefore, we issue one Decision to be filed in both of the cases. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style of filing in subsequent papers.

Patent Owner Zond, LLC (hereafter “Zond”) filed Motions for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Mr. Tigran Vardanian in both of the proceedings identified above. Paper 24 (“Mot.”).² Zond indicates that these Motions were being filed without opposition. Mot. 1. For the reasons provided below, Zond’s Motions are *granted*.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner. The Order authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission requires a statement of facts showing there is good cause for us to recognize counsel *pro hac vice*, and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceedings identified in the Appendix.

In the proceedings at issue, lead counsel for Zond, Dr. Gregory J. Gonsalves, is a registered practitioner. Mot. 2. Zond’s Motions indicate that there is good cause for us to recognize Mr. Tigran Vardanian *pro hac vice* during these proceedings, and each is supported by a Declaration (Ex. 2002). Mot. 2–3.

Mr. Vardanian declares that he is an experienced patent litigation attorney and has been practicing law, with a focus on patent litigation and other intellectual property matters. Ex. 2002 ¶ viii. Mr. Vardanian also declares that he has established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in

² For the purpose of clarity and expediency, we treat IPR2014-00580 as representative, and all citations are to IPR2014-00580 unless otherwise noted.

the proceedings identified in the Appendix, as he has been representing Zond in the related district court litigation that involves the same patents being challenged in the proceedings before us. *Id.* ¶ ix. Additionally, Mr. Vardanian's Declaration complies with the requirements set forth in the Board's Order authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission. *Id.* ¶¶ i–ix.

On this record, we determine that Mr. Vardanian has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Zond in the proceedings identified in the Appendix. We further recognize that there is a need for Zond to have its counsel in the co-pending litigation involved in the proceedings before us. Accordingly, Zond has established that there is good cause for Mr. Vardanian's admission.

For the foregoing reasons, it is

ORDERED that Zond's motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Vardanian for the instant proceeding are *granted*; Mr. Vardanian is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Vardanian is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Title 37, Part 42 of the C.F.R., and to be subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in the instant proceedings.

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