

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MERCEDES-BENZ USA, LLC and MERCEDES-BENZ U.S.
INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

VELOCITY PATENT LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2014-01247
Patent 5,954,781

Before JAMESON LEE, GLENN J. PERRY, and
PETER P. CHEN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

CHEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of
James A. Shimota
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On December 2, 2014, Patent Owner filed a Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of James A. Shimota, along with a supporting declaration by Mr. Shimota. *See* Paper 11. Petitioner has not opposed the Motion.

Patent Owner's lead counsel, Patrick Richards, is a registered practitioner. Paper 6. Patent Owner has shown good cause for the admission, *pro hac vice*, of James A. Shimota. For example, Patent Owner has shown by its Motion and Mr. Shimota's declaration that Mr. Shimota is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceedings. *See* Paper 11, p. 6, ¶ 8.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's unopposed motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Shimota is *granted*; Mr. Shimota is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shimota is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shimota is 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.*

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