

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC., HTC CORPORATION, HTC AMERICA, INC.,
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD,
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., AMAZON.COM, INC.,
SONY CORP., SONY ELECTRONICS INC.,
SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AB,
SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS (USA) INC.,
LG ELECTRONICS, INC., LG ELECTRONICS USA, INC., and
LG ELECTRONICS MOBILECOMM USA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MEMORY INTEGRITY, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00163¹
Patent 7,296,121 B2

Before JENNIFER S. BISK, NEIL T. POWELL, and
KERRY BEGLEY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BEGLEY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

¹ Sony Corp., Sony Electronics Inc., Sony Mobile Communications AB, Sony Mobile Communications (USA) Inc., LG Electronics, Inc., LG Electronics USA, Inc., and LG Electronics Mobilecomm USA, Inc., who filed a Petition in IPR2015-01353, have been joined as petitioners in the instant proceeding.

On October 19, 2015, Petitioners Sony Corp., Sony Electronics Inc., Sony Mobile Communications AB, and Sony Mobile Communications (USA) Inc. (collectively, “Sony Petitioners”) filed a motion to withdraw counsel. Paper 36 (“Mot.”). The Motion seeks withdrawal of Lewis V. Popovski and Michael Sander as counsel in this proceeding. *Id.* at 1. Along with the Motion, Sony Petitioners filed updated mandatory notices, which identify Walter E. Hanley, Jr. and Zaed M. Billah as new back-up counsel for Sony Petitioners in this proceeding. Paper 35. No opposition has been filed, and Sony Petitioners indicate in the Motion that the other parties in this proceeding do not oppose the Motion. Mot. 1.

In the Motion, Sony Petitioners seek to “withdraw Mr. Popovski and Mr. Sander because these individuals are no longer associated with Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, the firm which represents . . . Sony Petitioners.” *Id.* Sony Petitioners assert that “Kenyon & Kenyon LLP has retained all relevant papers and property necessary to continue representation of . . . Sony Petitioners.” *Id.* Sony Petitioners’ updated mandatory notices indicate that the new back-up counsel—Mr. Hanley and Mr. Billah—are associated with Kenyon & Kenyon LLP and are registered to practice before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Paper 35, 1. Having considered the Motion, we are persuaded that withdrawal of Mr. Popovski and Mr. Sander is warranted.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that Sony Petitioners’ Motion to Withdraw Counsel Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e) (Paper 36) is granted;

FURTHER ORDERED that Lewis V. Popovski and Michael Sander are permitted to withdraw as counsel in this proceeding; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that Walter E. Hanley, Jr. and Zaed M. Billah are recognized as back-up counsel for Sony Petitioners in this proceeding.

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