

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC.
Petitioner,

v.

E-WATCH, INC.
Patent Owner.

IPR2015-00411 (Patent 7,365,871 B2)¹
IPR2015-00412 (Patent 7,365,871 B2)
IPR2015-00413 (Patent 7,365,871 B2)
IPR2015-00414 (Patent 7,643,168 B2)

Before GREGG I. ANDERSON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

Conduct of Proceedings
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

¹ This Order addresses the same issue in all cases. Therefore, we issue one Order to be filed in all of the cases. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this style of filing in subsequent papers.

On March 5, 2015, a conference call was held. The participants were Blaney Harper and Douglas Pearson for Apple Inc. (“Petitioner”), Robert Curfiss, counsel for e-Watch, Inc. (“Patent Owner”), and Judge Anderson. Mr. Harper asked for a conference call seeking leave to withdraw, along with backup counsel for Petitioner Douglas Pearson, David Cochran, and Joseph Sauer. Mr. Harper represented that substitute counsel had been retained. Mr. Curfiss advised us that Patent Owner does not object to substitution of counsel.

A conference call is not required. Petitioner is authorized to have substitute counsel file a power of attorney, designating lead and backup counsel under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a). Petitioner is advised to update mandatory notices regarding lead and back-up counsel under 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). Once substitute counsel has filed a power of attorney and updated the mandatory notices, all current counsel for Petitioner are authorized to file a motion to withdraw from this case under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a).

ORDER

ORDERED that Petitioner’s current counsel is authorized to file a motion to withdraw upon substitute counsel’s filing a power of attorney and updating of Petitioner’s mandatory notices related to lead and back-up counsel.

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