Paper 83

Date: January 31, 2017

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

US ENDODONTICS, LLC, Petitioner,

V.

GOLD STANDARD INSTRUMENTS, LLC, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00632 Patent 8,727,773 B2

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, HYUN J. JUNG, and TIMOTHY J. GOODSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

COCKS, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER
Patent Owner's Motion to Withdraw Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10



Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding only with authorization from the Board. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). In this proceeding, Patent Owner designated Joseph Hynds of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, P.C. ("RFEM") as lead counsel and Jason Nolan, R. Elizabeth Brenner-Leifer, C. Nichole Gifford, Steven Lieberman, and Derek Dahlgren, all of RFEM, as back-up counsel. Paper 80, 4–5.

After receiving our authorization to do so, Patent Owner filed a Motion to Withdraw Counsel seeking the withdrawal of Mr. Nolan as back-up counsel because he is no longer associated with RFEM. Paper 81, 2. Concurrent with its Motion, Patent Owner filed updated Notices designating Mr. Hynds as lead counsel and R. Elizabeth Brenner-Leifer, C. Nichole Gifford, Steven Lieberman, and Derek Dahlgren as back-up counsel. Paper 82, 4–5. The Motion states that Petitioner does not oppose the Motion. Paper 81, 2. We *grant* authorization for Mr. Nolan to withdraw as back-up counsel.

For the foregoing reasons, it is

ORDERED that Jason Nolan may withdraw as back-up counsel for Patent Owner in this proceeding.



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