

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT AMERICA, LLC,
Petitioner

v.

APLIX IP HOLDINGS CORPORATION,
Patent Owner

Cases¹

IPR2015-00729 (Patent 7,280,097 B2)

IPR2015-00730 (Patent 7,932,892 B2)

Before SALLY C. MEDLEY, BRYAN F. MOORE and JASON J. CHUNG,
Administrative Patent Judges.

CHUNG, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER

Patent Owner's Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of
Jason Bartlett
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Order applies to each of the listed cases. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be docketed in each case. The parties, however, are not authorized to use this caption for any subsequent papers.

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On April 15, 2015, Patent Owner filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Mr. Bartlett (Papers 15²) and an accompanying affidavit in support thereof (Ex. 2006). Petitioner did not file an opposition to these motions. Accordingly, we admit Mr. Bartlett only as backup counsel.³

In consideration of the forgoing, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's unopposed motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Bartlett is GRANTED; Mr. Bartlett is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in the instant proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the instant proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Bartlett 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. Bartlett 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.*

² For expediency, IPR2015-00730 is representative, and all subsequent citations are to IPR2015-00730 unless otherwise noted.

³ We note the "declaration" is procedurally defective since it does not comply with PTO rules. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.1 and 1.68. In addition, the motion does not explain how or why Patent Owner needs Mr. Bartlett and neither the motion nor Mr. Bartlett identifies what kind of experience (litigation or technical) Mr. Bartlett has. Despite these deficiencies, we exercise our discretion and grant the motion. In any future motions for *pro hac vice*, the parties must provide a proper declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.1 and 1.68 and the motion for *pro hac vice* must identify the kind of experience (litigation or technical) of the counsel requesting admission.

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