

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE DRUGS II LLC
Petitioner

v.

NPS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2015-00990
Patent No. 7,056,886

**PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF
BRENT E. ROUTMAN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

RELIEF REQUESTED

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), and in accordance with the Board’s “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission” in case IPR2013-00639, Petitioner Coalition for Affordable Drugs II LLC, requests that the Board admit Brent E. Routman *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

GOVERNING LAWS, RULES, AND PRECEDENT

Section 42.10(c) provides the “Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and any other conditions as the Board may impose.” The Rule provides that a motion relating to counsel who is not a recognized practitioner “may be granted upon showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.”

The Board’s April 24, 2015 Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition, Paper No. 6, authorized the parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). The Notice provided *pro hac vice* motions shall be filed in accordance with the “Order – Authorizing Motion *for Pro Hac Vice* Admission” in Case IPR2013-00639. On October 15, 2013, the Board issued an Order, Paper No. 7, in Case IPR2013-00639 that provides the guidelines for admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). The Order incorporated changes in the rules, including the

publication of the Final Rule in 78 Fed. Reg. 20180 adopting new Rules of Professional Conduct.

The October 15, 2013 Order provides that motions for pro hac vice must “[c]ontain a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel pro hac vice during the proceeding.” The Order further provides the motion is to be “accompanied by an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear attesting to the following:

- i. Membership in good standing of the Bar of at least one State or the District of Columbia;
- ii. No suspensions or disbarments from practice before any court or administrative body;
- iii. No application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body ever denied;
- iv. No sanctions or contempt citations imposed by any court or administrative body;
- v. The individual seeking to appear has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R.;

- vi. The individual will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a);
- vii. All other proceedings before the Office for which the individual has applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the last three (3) years; and
- viii. Familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.”

TIME OF FILING

In accordance with the rules, this motion is being filed no sooner than twenty one (21) days after service of the petition.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

The following facts, supported by the attached Declaration of Brent E. Routman in Support of Petitioner’s Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*, establish good cause to recognize Mr. Routman *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Petitioner’s lead counsel, Jeffrey D. Blake, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 58,884).

Counsel Brent E. Routman is an experienced litigating attorney. Mr. Routman is a partner at the law firm of Merchant & Gould P.C. Mr. Routman has been involved in patent law for more than nineteen (19) years. Routman Decl., ¶ 8. His experience includes representing a wide range of clients in intellectual property litigation.

Mr. Routman has established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. Mr. Routman has worked with lead counsel in all aspects of preparing Petitioner's Petition, the expert declaration filed in support of the Petition, and all other filings Petitioner has made. *Id.*, ¶ 9. As such, Mr. Routman has become familiar with U.S. Patent No. 7,056,886 ("the '886 Patent") and with its prosecution file history. *Id.* He is familiar with the prior art relied upon in Petitioner's Petition. He is also familiar with the legal and factual arguments made by Petitioner and Patent Owner. *Id.*

Mr. Routman is in good standing and admitted to practice in Minnesota and the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Routman Decl., ¶ 1.

Mr. Routman has had no suspensions or disbarments from practice before any court or administrative body. *Id.*, ¶ 2.

Mr. Routman has never been denied application to practice before any court or administrative body. *Id.*, ¶ 3.

Mr. Routman has never been sanctioned or cited for contempt by any court or administrative body. *Id.*, ¶ 4.

Mr. Routman has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of 37 C.F.R. *Id.*, ¶ 5.

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