

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HTC CORPORATION,
HTC AMERICA, INC.,
LG ELECTRONICS, INC.,
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

PARTHENON UNIFIED MEMORY ARCHITECTURE LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-01500 (Patent 7,321,368 B2)
Case IPR2015-01501 (Patent 7,777,753 B2)
Case IPR2015-01502 (Patent 7,542,045 B2)¹

Before JAMES B. ARPIN, MATTHEW R. CLEMENTS, and SUSAN L. C.
MITCHELL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ARPIN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

SCHEDULING ORDER
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

¹ The parties are not authorized to use a multiple proceeding caption. They must file individual papers separately in each proceeding to which they pertain.

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A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Initial Conference Call*

The parties are directed to contact the Board via e-mail at Trials@uspto.gov prior to the date scheduled below if there is no need to discuss proposed changes to this Scheduling Order or proposed motions. If no discussion is needed, the initial conference call will be cancelled. The parties are directed to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,765–66 (Aug. 14, 2012), for guidance in preparing for the initial conference call, and should be prepared to discuss any proposed changes to this Scheduling Order (i.e., DUE DATES 6 and 7) and any motions that are *not* authorized already by our Rules or by this Scheduling Order, which the parties anticipate filing during the proceeding.

2. *Protective Order*

A protective order is not entered in this proceeding unless the parties propose one and the panel approves it. If either party files a motion to seal before entry of a protective order, a jointly proposed protective order should be presented as an exhibit to the motion. We encourage the parties to adopt the Board's default protective order if they conclude that a protective order is necessary. *See* Default Protective Order, Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, App. B. If the parties choose to propose a protective order deviating from the default protective order, they must submit the proposed protective order jointly along with a marked-up comparison of the proposed and default protective orders showing the deviations.

The Board has a strong interest in the public availability of the proceedings. 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. We advise the parties that redactions to documents filed in this proceeding should be limited strictly to isolated passages consisting *entirely* of

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confidential information, and that the thrust of the underlying argument or evidence must be clearly discernible to the public from the redacted versions. We also advise the parties that information subject to a protective order will become public if identified in a final written decision in this proceeding, and that a motion to expunge the information will not necessarily prevail over the public's interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. at 48,761; 37 C.F.R. § 42.56.

Notwithstanding the default filing times for an opposition and a reply reflected in 37 C.F.R. § 42.25(a):

(1) an opposition, if any, to a motion to seal is due seven (7) days after service of the motion; and

(2) a reply, if any, to an opposition to a motion to seal is due seven (7) days after service of the opposition.

3. Motion to Amend

Patent Owner may file a motion to amend without prior authorization from the panel. Nevertheless, Patent Owner must confer with the Board before filing such a motion. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a). Patent Owner should arrange for a conference call with the panel and opposing counsel at least ten (10) business days before DUE DATE 1 in order to satisfy the conferral requirement. We direct the parties to the Board's website for representative decisions relating to motions to amend among other topics. The parties may access these representative decisions at: http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/representative_orders_and_opinions.jsp.

4. Discovery Disputes

The panel encourages the parties to resolve disputes relating to discovery on their own and in accordance with the precepts set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b). To

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the extent that a dispute arises between the parties relating to discovery, the parties shall meet and confer to resolve such a dispute before contacting the Board. If attempts to resolve the dispute fail, either party may request a conference call with the Board and the other party in order to seek authorization to move for relief.

In any request for a conference call with the Board to resolve a discovery dispute, the requesting party shall: (a) certify that it has conferred with the other party in an effort to resolve the dispute; (b) identify with specificity the issues for which agreement has not been reached; (c) identify the precise relief to be sought; and (d) propose a plurality of dates and times at which both parties are available for the conference call.

5. Depositions

The parties are advised that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. at 48,772, App. D, apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction or sanctions for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

Whenever a party submits a deposition transcript as an exhibit in this proceeding, the submitting party shall file the full transcript of the deposition rather than excerpts of only those portions being cited. After a deposition transcript has been submitted as an exhibit, all parties who subsequently cite to portions of the transcript shall cite to the first-filed exhibit rather than submitting another copy of the same transcript.

6. Cross-Examination

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

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1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due.

37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).

2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id.*

7. Motion for Observation on Cross-Examination

A motion for observation on cross-examination provides the parties with a mechanism to draw the Board's attention to relevant cross-examination testimony of a reply witness because no further substantive paper is permitted after the reply. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. at 48,768. The observation must be a concise statement of the relevance of specifically identified testimony to a specifically identified argument or portion of an exhibit. No observation should exceed a single, short paragraph. The opposing party may respond to the motion for observation. Any response must be equally concise and specific.

B. DUE DATES

This Order sets due dates for the parties to take action after institution of the proceeding. The parties may stipulate to different dates for DUE DATES 1 through 5 (earlier or later, but no later than DUE DATE 6). A notice of the stipulation, specifically identifying the changed due dates, must be filed promptly. The parties may not stipulate to an extension of DUE DATES 6 and 7, and, if either party anticipates the need to alter Due Date 7, the parties shall seek jointly to schedule a conference call with the panel *immediately* upon the identification any conflict or potential conflict with Due Date 7. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(a) (Each party "must designate a lead counsel and a back-up counsel who can conduct business on behalf of the lead counsel."); Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77

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