

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

JOAO CONTROL & MONITORING SYSTEMS, LLC

Patent Owner

Case IPR2015-01613

Patent 5,917,405

DECLARATION OF MR. STEVEN W. RITCHESON

1. I am an attorney and a member in good standing of the State Bar of California.

2. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

3. No application by me for admission to practice before any court or administrative body has ever been denied.

4. No sanctions or contempt citations have ever been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

5. I have 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..

6. I acknowledge and agree that I 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).

7. I am concurrently applying for admission to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in the following related IPRs:

- IPR2015-01610 (Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC);

- IPR2015-01611 (Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC); and
- IPR2015-01612 (Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC).

8. In addition to the proceedings identified in ¶ 7 above, I have applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the following proceedings before the Office in the last three (3) years:

- IPR2015-01508 (Nissan North America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC);
- IPR2015-01509 (Nissan North America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC);
- IPR2015-01585 (Nissan North America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC); and
- IPR2015-01645 (Nissan North America, Inc. v. Joao Control & Monitoring Systems, LLC).

9. I am familiar with the subject matter at issue in the above-captioned IPR.

10. I declare that all statements made are, to my knowledge, true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and these statements were made knowing that willful false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Date: 4/12/16

By: 

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