

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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LOWER DRUG PRICES FOR CONSUMERS, LLC

PETITIONER

V.

FOREST LABORATORIES HOLDINGS LIMITED

PATENT OWNER

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CASE NO.: IPR2016-00379

PATENT NO. 6,545,040

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INVENTORS: XHONNEUX AND VAN LOMMEN

TITLE: METHOD OF LOWERING THE BLOOD PRESSURE

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**PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE*  
ADMISSION OF DONALD PUCKETT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(C)**

## **I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

In the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (“Notice”) mailed January 4, 2016, the Board authorized the parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). The Notice requires that such motions be filed in accordance with the “Order – Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission” in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper No. 7 (“Order”).

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board recognize Donald Puckett as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding.

## **II. NO OPPOSITION TO THIS MOTION**

Petitioner has conferred with Patent Owner with regard to this Motion, and Patent Owner has confirmed that they will not oppose this Motion.

## **III. GOVERNING LAWS, RULES, AND PRECEDENT**

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding on a showing of good cause. “[W]here lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* may be granted upon a showing that counsel is an experienced litigation attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

## **IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Based on the following statement of facts, and supported by the Declaration of Donald Puckett submitted herewith as Exhibit 1054, Petitioner submits that a

showing of good cause has been made and respectfully requests the *pro hac vice* admission of Donald Puckett in this proceeding:

1. Petitioner's lead counsel, Barry Bumgardner, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 38,397).

2. Petitioner's backup counsel, Brent Bumgardner, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 48,476).

3. Mr. Puckett is an experienced litigation attorney with more than fifteen years of experience litigating patent cases. Mr. Puckett also is an Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University School of Law, having taught classes related to patent litigation practice. (Ex. 1054, ¶2). His patent litigation experience includes representation of clients in the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (including the presentation of oral arguments to the Board), work as lead trial counsel in district court patent litigation, and advocacy before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in patent appeals. (*Id.* at ¶3)

4. Mr. Puckett is a member in good standing of the Texas State Bar. (Ex. 1054, ¶ 4).

5. Mr. Puckett has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body, nor has he ever been the subject of any ethical grievance procedure or investigation. (Ex. 1054, ¶ 5).

6. No application filed by Mr. Puckett for admission to practice before any court or administrative body has ever been denied. (Ex. 1054, ¶ 6).

7. No sanctions or contempt citations have been imposed against Mr. Puckett by any court or administrative body. (Ex. 1054, ¶ 7).

8. Mr. Puckett has read and agrees to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of Title 37 of the C.F.R. (Ex. 1054, ¶ 8).

9. Mr. Puckett understands that he will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). (Ex. 1054, ¶ 9).

10. Mr. Puckett has appeared before the Board *pro hac vice* in the last three years in: (1) IPR2014-00411 and IPR2015-00065 (consolidated), and (2) IPR2014-01431 and IPR2014-01432 (consolidated). (Ex. 1054, ¶ 10). Mr. Puckett presented oral arguments to the Board in both of these consolidated cases. *See* IPR2014-00411 at Paper No. 112; IPR2014-01431 at Paper No. 47.

11. Mr. Puckett has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. He personally played a lead role in drafting the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review filed in this matter. Mr. Puckett has substantively reviewed all materials filed in this proceeding, including the Petition and all accompanying exhibits (1001-1053). (Ex. 1054, ¶ 11).

**V. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF MR. PUCKETT IN THIS PROCEEDING**

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. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Petitioner's lead counsel, Barry Bumgardner, is a registered practitioner. Based on the facts contained herein, as supported by Mr. Puckett's declaration (Ex. 1054), good cause exists to admit Mr. Puckett *pro hac vice* as backup counsel in this proceeding.

Petitioner has a substantial need for Mr. Puckett's *pro hac vice* admission so that he may be involved in all aspects of this proceeding, including depositions and the presentation of oral argument. Admission of Mr. Puckett also will ease the burden on Petitioner's lead and backup counsel in this proceeding.

**VIII. CONCLUSION.**

For the foregoing reasons as well as the reasons contained in the attached declaration, Petitioner respectfully requests admission of Donald Puckett as counsel *pro hac vice* as backup counsel in this proceeding.

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