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NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC., NISSAN MOTOR CO.,
LTD., and AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BLITZSAFE TEXAS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00418
Patent 8,155,342 B2

Held: February 2, 2017

BEFORE: JAMESON LEE, MIRIAM L. QUINN, and
KERRY BEGLEY, Administrative Patent Judges.

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing on Thursday,
February 2, 2017, commencing at 10:30 a.m., at the U.S. Patent
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 JUDGE LEE: Thank you and please be seated. Judge
4 Quinn from Dallas will be presiding in today's oral argument.

5 JUDGE QUINN: Can you hear me?

6 MR. MELNIK: Yes.

7 JUDGE LEE: Yes.

8 JUDGE QUINN: Thank you for responding. We are
9 gathered here to hear the oral argument in an inter partes review
10 proceeding docketed as IPR2016-418, which was filed by Toyota
11 Motor Corporation regarding patent number 8,155,342, whose
12 patent owner of record is Blitzsafe Texas, LLC.

13 We are hearing a lot of feedback from the hearing room,
14 I think. Is it over there?

15 Okay. My name is Judge Miriam Quinn. I'm presiding
16 over this proceeding being videocast to the hearing room in the
17 Madison building where Judge Jameson Lee is present.

18 Appearing also remotely is Judge Kerry Begley, who you see in
19 the video screens as well.

20 Turning now to the parties, in this proceeding, we have
21 joined as petitioner in addition to Toyota Motor Corporation,
22 various entities, including Hyundai Motor Company, Kia Motors
23 Corporation, Nissan North America and American Honda Motor,
24 among others. Those parties filed IPRs which now have been

1 terminated in favor of joinder with this proceeding, and those
2 IPRs were IPR2016-1533, IPR2016-1557 and IPR2016-1560.

3 Given the announcement of various agreements for
4 settlement, we modified our oral argument order to allow counsel
5 for American Honda to present the oral argument today on behalf
6 of the petitioners. At this point, we would like counsel for
7 petitioner to step to the podium and state its appearance for the
8 record, of course American Honda's counsel.

9 MR. MELNIK: Thank you, Your Honor. Joseph
10 Melnik for American Honda Motor Company on behalf of the
11 petitioners.

12 JUDGE QUINN: Is anybody else with you on behalf of
13 American Honda?

14 MR. MELNIK: No, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE QUINN: Okay. Are any other counsel for
16 other entities that we mentioned present in the courtroom as well?

17 MR. KIBLAWI: Yes, Your Honor. Fadi Kiblawi for
18 the Toyota petitioner. I'm joined with Brian Shelton as well for
19 the Toyota petitioner. We are backup counsel for the Toyota
20 petitioner.

21 JUDGE QUINN: Thank you.

22 MR. TARNOFF: Your Honor, I am David Tarnoff and
23 I represent Nissan North America, petitioner.

1 JUDGE QUINN: Thank you, Mr. Tarnoff. Anybody
2 else? Okay. Let's see, Mr. Melnik, before I turn to patent owner,
3 have your demonstratives been provided to the court reporter?

4 MR. MELNIK: Yes, Your Honor, they have.

5 JUDGE QUINN: Okay. Also, you will have
6 40 minutes total for your argument time. Before we start with
7 your argument time, how much time would you like to reserve for
8 rebuttal?

9 MR. MELNIK: Ten minutes, Your Honor.

10 JUDGE QUINN: Great. Thank you.

11 Let's turn to patent owner. Could patent owner's
12 counsel please state its appearance for the record?

13 MR. RUBINO: Good morning, Your Honor. Vincent
14 Rubino from the law firm of Brown Rudnick on behalf of patent
15 owner, Blitzsafe Texas, LLC. And also with me from Brown
16 Rudnick to help me with the slides is another associate from our
17 office, John Rubino.

18 JUDGE QUINN: Thank you. Have your slides been
19 provided to the court reporter?

20 MR. RUBINO: We apologize, Your Honor, we
21 actually left our slides in Texas last night.

22 JUDGE QUINN: Okay. So there are no copies for the
23 court reporter right now?

24 MR. RUBINO: Not at the present moment, no.

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