

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WHATSAPP INC,
Petitioner,

v.

TRIPLAY, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00717; Case IPR2016-00718¹
Patent 8,874,677 B2

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, BRIAN J. MCNAMARA, and
FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

COCKS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Yuan Liang
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This order addresses identical applications for *pro hac vice* admission filed in both cases. Therefore, we issue one order to be filed in each case.

As authorized in the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 3), Petitioner, WhatsApp Inc. (“Petitioner”), moves for admission *pro hac vice* of Mr. Yuan Liang (Paper 24, “Motion”).² Patent Owner, Triplay, Inc., did not file an opposition to the Motion. The Motion is *granted*. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c); *see also* IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (setting forth requirements for *pro hac vice* admission).³

It is

ORDERED that the Motion seeking admission *pro hac vice* for Yuan Liang is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that a registered practitioner must remain as lead counsel throughout the proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of the C.F.R.; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Yuan Liang is to be subject to the Office’s disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.*

² In support of the Motion, Petitioner filed a Declaration of Mr. Liang (Ex. 1127). Unless otherwise indicated, citations refer to papers filed in IPR2016-00718.

³ Available at http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/ptab_trials.jsp, “Representative Orders, Decisions, and Notices,” “Other Representative Orders and Decisions”).

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