

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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WHATSAPP INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

TRIPLAY, INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2016-00717; Case IPR2016-00718<sup>1</sup>  
Patent 8,874,677 B2

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

IPPOLITO, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER  
Request for Oral Argument  
37 C.F.R. § 42.70

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<sup>1</sup> We exercise our discretion to issue one order to be filed in each of these cases.

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Petitioner and Patent Owner have each requested an oral hearing for *inter partes* review proceedings IPR2016-00717 and IPR2016-00718. See Papers 28, 31.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner requests thirty (30) minutes and Patent Owner requests sixty (60) minutes for respective presentations in each case. The parties' requests are granted. Due to the commonality of the issues and the subject matter involved in these proceedings, a single consolidated hearing for IPR2016-00717 and IPR2016-00718 shall be held, which will include argument related to both proceedings.

Further, upon review of the issues that the parties intend to address during the hearing, we determine that *sixty* (60) minutes should be more than sufficient to address these issues as well as any others that may be raised by the Board. Accordingly, each party will have sixty (60) minutes of total time to present its arguments.

Petitioner bears the ultimate burden of proof that Patent Owner's claims at issue in this review are unpatentable. Petitioner will, therefore, begin by presenting its case regarding the challenged claims and grounds for which the Board instituted trial in the proceeding. Patent Owner will then respond to Petitioner's arguments. Petitioner may reserve time to respond to arguments presented by Patent Owner.

The hearing will commence at 1:00 PM Eastern Time, on June 12, 2017, on the ninth floor of Madison Building East, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The hearing will be open to the public for in-person attendance that will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The Board will provide a court reporter for the hearing, and the reporter's

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<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, citations are to the papers filed in IPR2016-00717.

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transcript will constitute the official record of the hearing.

There is a strong public policy interest in making all information presented in these proceedings public, as the review determines the patentability of claims in an issued patent and, thus, affects the rights of the public. This policy is reflected in part, for example, in 35 U.S.C. § 316(a)(1) and 35 U.S. C. § 326(a)(1), which provide that the file of any *inter partes* review or post grant review be made available to the public, except that any petition or document filed with the intent that it be sealed shall, if accompanied by a motion to seal, be treated as sealed pending the outcome of the ruling on the motion. Accordingly, we exercise our discretion to make the oral hearing publically available via in-person attendance.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(b), demonstrative exhibits must be served at least *seven* (7) business days before the hearing. Demonstratives should be filed at the Board no later than *three* (3) business days prior to the hearing. A hard copy of the demonstratives should be provided to the court reporter at the hearing.

The parties are reminded that demonstrative exhibits are not evidence and may not introduce new evidence or arguments. Instead, demonstrative exhibits should cite to evidence in the record. The parties are directed to *St. Jude Medical, Cardiology Division, Inc. v. The Board of Regents of the University of Michigan*, Case No. IPR2013-00041 (PTAB Jan. 27, 2014) (Paper 65) regarding the appropriate content of demonstrative exhibits. Any issue regarding demonstrative exhibits should be resolved at least *three* (3) business days prior to the hearing by way of a joint telephone conference call to the Board. The parties are responsible for requesting such a conference sufficiently in advance of the hearing to accommodate this

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requirement. Any objection to demonstrative exhibits that is not timely presented will be considered waived.

Questions regarding specific audio-visual equipment should be directed to the Board at (571) 272-9797. Requests for audio-visual equipment are to be made *seven* (7) days in advance of the hearing date. The request is to be sent to [Trials@uspto.gov](mailto:Trials@uspto.gov). If the request is not received timely, the equipment may not be available on the day of the hearing.

The parties also should note that at least one member of the panel will be attending the hearing electronically from a remote location, and that if a demonstrative is not filed or otherwise made fully available or visible to the judge presiding over the hearing remotely, that demonstrative will not be considered. If the parties have questions as to whether demonstrative exhibits would be sufficiently visible and available to all of the judges, the parties are invited to contact the Board at 571-272-9797. Furthermore, because of limitations on the audio transmission systems in the hearing rooms, the presenter may speak only when standing at the hearing room podium.

The Board expects lead counsel for each party to be present in person at the oral hearing. However, lead or backup counsel may present the party's argument. If either party anticipates that its lead counsel will not be attending the oral hearing, the parties should initiate a joint telephone conference with the Board no later than *two* (2) business days prior to the oral hearing to discuss the matter.

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