

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WHATSAPP INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

TRIPLAY, INC.,
Patent Owner.

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

Before BENJAMIN D. M. WOOD, BRIAN J. MCNAMARA, and
FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WOOD, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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

As authorized by the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 3, 2),² Petitioner WhatsApp Inc. filed a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Reuben Chen. Paper 8. Petitioner also filed Exhibit 1024, Mr. Chen’s biography, and Exhibit 1025, Declaration of Reuben Chen, in support of the motion. *Id.* at 2–3. The Motion is unopposed. Because the Motion and accompanying declaration comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), as well as the requirements set forth in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper 7,³ the Motion is *granted*.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Petitioner’s motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Chen is *granted*, and Mr. Chen is authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in IPR2016-00717 and IPR2016-00718;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in this *inter partes* review proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Chen is to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Title 37, Part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Chen is 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 We refer to the papers filed in IPR2016-00717.

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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