

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
Petitioner

v.

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION,  
Patent Owner

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Case No. IPR2016-00952  
Patent No. 9,121,412

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**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL J. VALAIK IN SUPPORT OF PATENT  
OWNER'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 42.10**

**Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10**

I, Michael J. Valaik, declare as follows:

I am over 18 years of age and am competent to testify and make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge.

1. I am a partner at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the States of Illinois and Indiana.

2. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

3. I have never been denied admission to practice before any court or administrative body.

4. No sanctions or contempt citations have been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

6. I agree to be subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.20, et seq. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

7. I have applied for *pro hac vice* admission in the last three years for the following proceedings before this Office: IPR2016-00526, IPR2016-00531, IPR2016-00533, IPR2016-00534.

8. I have familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding. For over fifteen years, I have represented United Technologies Corporation (“UTC”) and its Pratt & Whitney division, which makes jet engines, in various patent cases, including fan blade technology, landing gear, and various other components of jet engines and modern commercial aircraft. I have also worked with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP in previous patent cases representing UTC and Pratt & Whitney. I am familiar with the technology as claimed in the 9,121,412 Patent. I have reviewed the patent and its prosecution history. Further, I have familiarized myself with the petition, asserted references, expert declaration, and other papers that have been filed thus far in this proceeding.

9. I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: May 24, 2017

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