

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC. and ARRIS GROUP, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

TQ DELTA, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01007¹
Patent 8,432,956 B2

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE and
TREVOR M. JEFFERSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DESHPANDE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

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

¹ ARRIS Group, Inc., who filed a Petition in IPR2017-00422, has been joined in this proceeding.

As authorized by the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (Paper 3), TQ Delta, LLC (“Patent Owner”) filed a “Patent Owner’s Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.10(c)” (Paper 17, “Mot.”) of Rajendra A. Chiplunkar. Patent Owner is expected to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel. Patent Owner states that Cisco Systems, Inc. and ARRIS Group, Inc. (“Petitioner”) do not oppose Patent Owner’s Motion. Mot. 3.

Patent Owner asserts that there is good cause for us to recognize Mr. Chiplunkar *pro hac vice* in this proceeding. Mot. 2–3. Patent Owner’s assertions in this regard are supported by a Declaration of Mr. Chiplunkar. Ex. 2008.² We determine that Patent Owner has established that there is good cause for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Chiplunkar in this proceeding. Patent Owner’s Motion is *granted*. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c); see also *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Order Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission, Paper 7 (October 15, 2003) (setting forth requirements for *pro hac vice* admission).³

It is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion for *pro hac vice* admission is *granted*, and Mr. Chiplunkar is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel in this proceeding;

² Patent Owner also filed a Biography of Mr. Chiplunkar (Ex. 2007) in support of the Motion.

³ Available at <http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/appealing-patent-decisions/decisions-and-opinions/representative-orders>.

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Chiplunkar 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 that Mr. Chiplunkar 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.*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner must file an updated mandatory notice identifying lead and back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.8, 42.10 within three (3) business days.

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