

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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APPLE INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

VOIP-PAL.COM INC.,  
Patent Owner.

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Cases IPR2016-01198 and IPR2016-01201  
Patents 9,179,005 B2 and 8,542,815 B2

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Before BARBARA A. BENOIT, LYNNE E. PETTIGREW, and  
STACY B. MARGOLIES, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MARGOLIES, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of  
Mr. Ryan Thomas  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

IPR2016-01198, IPR2016-01201  
Patent 9,179,005 B2, Patent 8,542,815 B2

Voip-Pal.com, Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed an Unopposed Motion for Ryan Thomas to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* on Behalf of Patent Owner. Paper 13 (“Motion”).<sup>1</sup> Patent Owner also filed a declaration from Mr. Thomas in support of the Motion. Ex. 2002 (“Declaration”). Apple Inc. (“Petitioner”) has not opposed the Motion.

Having reviewed the Motion and the Declaration, we conclude that Mr. Thomas has sufficient qualifications to represent Patent Owner in these proceedings and that Patent Owner has shown good cause for Mr. Thomas’s *pro hac vice* admission. See *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, Case IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (setting forth the requirements for *pro hac vice* admission). Mr. Thomas will be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* in these proceedings as back-up counsel only. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

#### ORDER

ORDERED that the Unopposed Motion for Ryan Thomas to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* on Behalf of Patent Owner is *granted*, and Mr. Thomas is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in these proceedings;

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<sup>1</sup> Patent Owner filed similar motions in IPR2016-01198 and IPR2016-01201. For convenience, we cite papers and exhibits filed in IPR2016-01198.

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Thomas 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. Thomas is subject to the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth at 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101–11.901.

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