

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS, LLC
WIDEPENWEST FINANCE, LLC
KNOLOGY OF FLORIDA, INC.
BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Petitioner

v.

FOCAL IP, LLC,

Patent Owner

Case IPR2016-01259
Patent Number: 8,155,298

**PATENT OWNER FOCAL IP, LLC'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF THOMAS C. CECIL UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(C)**

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

In the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition (“Notice”) mailed July 6, 2016, the Board authorized the parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). The Notice requires that such motions be filed in accordance with the “Order – Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission” in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper No. 7 (“Order”).

Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Board recognize Thomas C. Cecil as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding.

II. NO OPPOSITION TO THIS MOTION

Patent Owner has conferred with Petitioners with regard to this Motion, and Petitioners have confirmed that they will not oppose this Motion.

III. GOVERNING LAWS, RULES, AND PRECEDENT

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding on a showing of good cause. “[W]here lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* may be granted upon a showing that counsel is an experienced litigation attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Based on the following statement of facts, and supported by the Declaration of Thomas C. Cecil submitted herewith as Exhibit 2052, Patent Owner submits that

a showing of good cause has been made and respectfully requests the *pro hac vice* admission of Thomas C. Cecil in this proceeding:

1. Patent Owner's lead counsel, Brent N. Bumgardner, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 48,476).
2. Mr. Cecil is an experienced litigating attorney and has been litigating patent cases for over seven years. (Ex. 2052, ¶¶ 2-3).
3. Mr. Cecil is a member in good standing of the Texas State Bar. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 4).
4. Mr. Cecil has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body, nor has he ever been the subject of any ethical grievance procedure or investigation. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 5).
5. No application filed by Mr. Cecil for admission to practice before any court or administrative body has ever been denied. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 6).
6. No sanctions or contempt citations have been imposed against Mr. Cecil by any court or administrative body. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 7).
7. Mr. Cecil has read and agrees to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of Title 37 of the C.F.R. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 8).

8. Mr. Cecil understands that he will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). (Ex. 2052, ¶ 9).

9. Mr. Cecil has appeared before the Board *pro hac vice* in the last three years in IPR2016-01522 and IPR2017-01017. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 10).

10. Mr. Cecil has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. Mr. Cecil has substantively reviewed all materials filed in this proceeding, including the Petition and all accompanying exhibits, and the Preliminary Response and all accompanying exhibits. (Ex. 2052, ¶ 11).

V. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF MR. CECIL IN THIS PROCEEDING

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and any other conditions as the Board may impose. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Patent Owner's lead counsel, Brent N. Bumgardner, is a registered practitioner. Based on the facts contained herein, as supported by Mr. Cecil's declaration (Ex. 2052), good cause exists to admit Mr. Cecil *pro hac vice* as backup counsel in this proceeding.

Patent Owner has a substantial need for Mr. Cecil's *pro hac vice* admission and his involvement in depositions and other issues arising from this proceeding.

Admission of Mr. Cecil will also ease the burden on Patent Owner's lead counsel in this proceeding.

VIII. CONCLUSION.

For the foregoing reasons as well as the reasons contained in the attached declaration, Patent Owner respectfully requests admission of Thomas C. Cecil as counsel *pro hac vice* as backup counsel in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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