UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC. Petitioner,

v.

PAPST LICENSING GMBH & CO. KG, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01839 Patent 6,470,399 B1 Case IPR2016-01842 Patent 9,189,437 B2 Case IPR2016-01860 Patent 8,966,144 B2 Case IPR2016-01863 Patent 8,504,746 B2 Case IPR2016-01864 Patent 6,470,399 B1¹

Before JONI Y. CHANG, JAMES B. ARPIN, and MIRIAM L. QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ARPIN, Administrative Patent Judge.

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DECISION On Motion to Withdraw 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

¹ We exercise our discretion to issue one Decision to be entered in each case.

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I. DISCUSSION

Apple Inc. ("Petitioner"), has filed authorized motions to withdraw its current lead counsel and to substitute counsel. IPR2016-01839, Paper 44; IPR2016-01842, Paper 32; IPR2016-01860, Paper 30; IPR2016-01863, Paper 32; IPR2016-01864, Paper 36. Lori A. Gordon (Registration No. 50,633), current lead counsel for Petitioner, is no longer associated with the law firm Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, P.L.L.C. (Customer No. 26111), to whom Petitioner granted power of attorney. IPR2016-01839, Paper 1; IPR2016-01842, Paper 1; IPR2016-01860, Paper 1; IPR2016-01863, Paper 1; IPR2016-01864, Paper 1. Each motion indicates that Patent Owner does not oppose the motions to withdraw. IPR2016-01839, Paper 44, 1; IPR2016-01842, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01860, Paper 30, 1; IPR2016-01863, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01864, Paper 36, 1. Each motion also indicates that current backup counsel, Michael D. Specht (Registration No. 54,463), also of Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, P.L.L.C. and named in the respective power of attorney (IPR2016-01839, Papers 1 and 42; IPR2016-01842, Papers 1 and 31; IPR2016-01860, Papers 1 and 29; IPR2016-01863, Papers 1 and 31; IPR2016-01864, Papers 1 and 34), will assume the role of lead counsel (IPR2016-01839, Paper 44, 1; IPR2016-01842, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01860, Paper 30, 1; IPR2016-01863, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01864, Paper 36, 1). Thus, Petitioner will be represented in each case by lead counsel, who is a registered patent attorney, after withdrawal of its current lead counsel.

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We understand that Petitioner will file updated Mandatory Notices removing Ms. Gordon and identifying Mr. Specht as lead counsel. IPR2016-01839, Paper 44, 1; IPR2016-01842, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01860, Paper 30, 1; IPR2016-01863, Paper 32, 1; IPR2016-01864, Paper 36, 1.

On the basis of the foregoing, the motions are granted.

II. ORDER

It is

ORDERED that Lori A. Gordon is no longer recognized as counsel for Petitioner in these cases; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Michael D. Specht is recognized as lead counsel for Petitioner in these cases, effective the date of this Decision.

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