

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.

PAPST LICENSING GMBH & CO. KG,  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2016-01839  
Patent 6,470,399

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**PETITIONER APPLE INC.'S  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL**

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## **I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e), and as authorized by the Board in an e-mail dated June 27, 2017, Petitioner Apple Inc. (“Apple”) requests the Board withdraw Yasser Mourtada (Registration No. 61,056), who is currently back-up counsel for Apple.

Petitioner has conferred with Patent Owner’s counsel. Patent Owner does not oppose this motion.

## **II. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

Mr. Mourtada is no longer associated with the law firm STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX, P.L.L.C. (Customer No. 26111). Apple wishes to remove Mr. Mourtada as back-up counsel in this proceeding. Apple wishes for current lead counsel Lori A. Gordon (Registration No. 50,633) and back-up counsel Steven W. Peters (Registration No. 73,193) of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX, P.L.L.C. to remain its representatives going forward in this proceeding.

Apple’s current lead counsel Ms. Gordon and back-up counsel Mr. Peters are both registered practitioners, so no substitution of counsel is necessary.

It is believed that granting this Motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

Updated Mandatory Notices removing Mr. Mourtada and adding Tyler J.

Dutton (Registration No. 75,069) as additional back-up counsel will be filed upon grant of the present motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing **PETITIONER**  
**APPLE INC.'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW COUNSEL** was served  
electronically via e-mail on June 27, 2017, in its entirety on the following counsel of  
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