

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLE INC.  
Petitioner

v.

PAPST LICENSING GMBH & CO. KG,  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2016-01842  
Patent 9,189,437

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**PETITIONER APPLE INC.'S  
MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE 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 March 15, 2018, Petitioner Apple Inc. (“Apple”) requests the Board withdraw Lori A. Gordon (Registration No. 50,633), who is currently lead 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**

Ms. Gordon is no longer associated with the law firm STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX, P.L.L.C. (Customer No. 26111). Apple wishes to remove Ms. Gordon as lead counsel in this proceeding. Apple wishes for back-up counsel Michael D. Specht (Registration No. 54,463), Steven W. Peters (Registration No. 73,193), and Tyler J. Dutton (Registration No, 75,069) of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX, P.L.L.C. to remain its representatives going forward in this proceeding.

Updated Mandatory Notices removing Ms. Gordon and moving Mr. Specht from back-up counsel to lead counsel will be filed upon grant of the present motion.

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).

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing **PETITIONER**  
**APPLE INC.'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE**  
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