

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*.

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.

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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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