

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, INC. and
ROCKWELL AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

AUTOMATION MIDDLEWARE SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00048

Patent 6,516,236 B1

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE

ADMISSION OF CHRISTOPHER LIMBACHER

37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

I, Christopher Limbacher, declare under penalty of perjury the following:

1. I am an attorney at Heim, Payne & Chorush, LLP, 1111 Bagby, Suite 2100, Houston, TX 77002, which has been retained by Patent Owner Automation Middleware Solutions, Inc. (“AMS”) in this *inter partes* review.
2. I make this affidavit in support of Patent Owner AMS’s application for my admission *pro hac vice*.
3. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. I am also duly admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.
4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body, nor have I ever had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied. No sanctions or contempt citations have ever been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.
5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of the C.F.R.
6. I understand that, upon admission *pro hac vice*, I will be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) Rules of Professional

Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and to disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

7. I am applying to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in four related proceedings: *Rockwell Automation, Inc. and Rockwell Automation Technologies, Inc., Petitioners v. Automation Middleware Solutions, Inc., Patent Owner* (IPR2017-00023, -00049, -00469, -00470). Other than these currently-pending proceedings, I have not applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in the last three years.

8. I am a litigation attorney with an established familiarity with the subject matter. I have carefully studied the patent-in-suit, including its prosecution, reexamination, and *inter partes* review history. Additionally, I have more than eight years of engineering experience, including two years of experience in the field of motion control systems at issue in this *inter partes* review.

9. If admitted *pro hac vice* on this matter, I will serve as backup counsel for Douglas Wilson of the law firm of Heim, Payne & Chorush LLP. Mr. Wilson is lead counsel on this case and is registered to practice before the USPTO.

10. I hereby agree to notify the Board immediately of any matter affecting my standing at the bar of any other court.

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11. I hereby respectfully request that the Board grant Patent Owner AMS's application to permit me to appear and participate *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

12. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 01/10/2017

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