

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ARGENTUM PHARMACEUTICALS LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

ALCON RESEARCH, LTD.,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-01053
Patent 8,268,299 B2

Before RICHARD E. SCHAFER, GRACE KARAFFA OBERMANN,
and SUSAN L. C. MITCHELL, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

OBERMANN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Christopher J. Mandernach
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

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On October 24, 2017, Patent Owner filed a motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Christopher J. Mandernach (Paper 12) supported by a declaration of Mr. Mandernach (Exhibit 2003). Petitioner did not file an opposition. See Paper 5, 2 (citing *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, Case IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (setting a one week time period for filing an opposition to a motion for *pro hac vice* admission)). Based on our review of Patent Owner's motion and Mr. Mandernach's declaration, we determine that Patent Owner establishes "good cause" for the admission.

It is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Mandernach is *granted*; Mr. Mandernach is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Mandernach shall comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Mandernach shall be subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*

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