

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FACEBOOK, INC. and WHATSAPP INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

UNILOC USA, INC. and UNILOC LUXEMBOURG S.A.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-01427 (Patent 8,995,433 B2)
Case IPR2017-01428 (Patent 8,995,433 B2)

FACEBOOK, INC. and WHATSAPP INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

UNILOC LUXEMBOURG S.A.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-01667 (Patent 8,724,622 B2)
Case IPR2017-01668 (Patent 8,724,622 B2)

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Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, KERRY BEGLEY, and
CHARLES J. BOUDREAU, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Petitioner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Lowell Mead
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

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Petitioner has filed a Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Lowell Mead in each of the above-captioned proceedings. Paper 14 (“Motion” or “Mot.”).¹ Petitioner also filed with its Motion a declaration of Mr. Mead in support of its Motion. Ex. 1015. Petitioner represents that Patent Owner does not oppose the Motion. Mot. 2.

We have reviewed the Motion and the accompanying affidavit of Mr. Mead. Based on the facts averred in the declaration, we conclude that Mr. Mead has sufficient qualifications to represent Petitioner in these proceedings. The Motion, however, does not include a sufficient statement of good cause, such as that Petitioner seeks to have its counsel in the related district-court cases involved in these proceedings or that upcoming depositions necessitate the involvement of additional counsel. *See Unified Patents v. Parallel Iron*, Case IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (setting forth the requirements for *pro hac vice* admission). Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Mr. Mead will be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* in the instant proceedings as back-up counsel *only*, upon the condition that Petitioner file a sufficient statement of good cause as a notice (37 C.F.R. § 42.20).

¹ Petitioner filed the same Motion in each of the captioned proceedings. Citations refer to the filings in IPR2017-01427.

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ORDER

It is

ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Lowell Mead in each of the instant proceedings is granted upon a filing of a statement of good cause, as a notice under 37 C.F.R. § 42.20;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Mead, subject to the condition above, will be authorized to represent Petitioner as back-up counsel in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in the instant proceedings;

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

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

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