

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

VELOCITY PATENTS LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-01723
Patent 5,954,781

Before JAMESON LEE, RAMA G. ELLURU, and
CHRISTOPHER C. KENNEDY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KENNEDY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of
James A. Shimota
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On August 15, 2017, Patent Owner moved for the *pro hac vice* admission of James A. Shimota. Paper 6. The motion was accompanied by the Declaration of James. A. Shimota. Ex. 2001. Petitioner has not filed an opposition.

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Based on the facts and representations set forth in the motion and accompanying declaration from Mr. Shimota, we conclude that Mr. Shimota has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in this proceeding, and that Mr. Shimota has demonstrated the necessary familiarity with the subject matter of this case. We determine that Patent Owner has established good cause for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Shimota. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

For the reasons set forth above, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for the *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. James A. Shimota is granted, and Mr. Shimota is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in this proceeding;

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

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