

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS LLC AND
AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS OF NEW YORK, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

ALMIRALL, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-00608
Patent 9,161,926 B2

Before SHERIDAN K. SNEDDEN and CHRISTOPHER G. PAULRAJ,
Administrative Patent Judges.

SNEDDEN, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER

Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.8, 42.10

On October 12, 2018, Allergan, Inc. (“Allergan”) updated its mandatory notices to reflect a change in ownership of Patent No. 9,161,926, “as established by a confirmatory assignment from Allergan to Almirall, LLC [(“Almirall”)] executed October 10, 2018 and submitted for recordation on October 11, 2018.” Paper 13, 1. A copy of the confirmatory assignment submitted for recordation is entered as Exhibit 2001. Accordingly, we hereby acknowledge Almirall as the owner of the ’926 patent.

On October 29, 2018, Patent Owner Almirall filed an updated power of attorney revoking all prior powers of attorney in this proceeding and appointing James Trainor and Ewa M. Davison, both of Fenwick & West LLP, as lead and back-up counsel, respectively. Paper 16. Additionally, Almirall filed an updated mandatory notice indicating the change of counsel as set forth in the power of attorney. Paper 15.

On October 30, 2018, with prior authorization, Almirall filed a motion to withdraw Scott E. Kamholz and Jessica L. Parezo of Covington & Burling LLP as its lead and backup counsel, respectively. Paper 17. Almirall represents that Petitioner does not oppose the requested withdrawal of counsel. Paper 17. Counsel may withdraw from an *inter partes* review proceeding only with authorization from the Board. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e). Because no prejudice is shown and no party opposes in the instance case, we see no reason to deny Almirall’s motion to withdraw.

In consideration of the above, it is

ORDERED that Scott E. Kamholz and Jessica L. Parezo are allowed to withdraw as counsel from this proceeding; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that James Trainor is recognized as lead counsel for Patent Owner Almirall, and Ewa M. Davison is recognized as back-up counsel for Patent Owner Almirall.

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