

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, TINA E. HULSE, and
CHRISTOPHER G. PAULRAJ, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

SNEDDEN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Patent Owner's Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Ms. Elizabeth B. Hagan
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

Patent Owner moves for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Elizabeth B. Hagan. Paper 18. Patent Owner provides a declaration from Ms. Hagan in support of its motion. Ex. 2002. Petitioner did not file an opposition to Patent Owner's motion.

Based on the facts set forth in the motion and the accompanying declaration from Ms. Hagan, we conclude that Ms. Hagan has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner and that there is a need for Patent Owner to have counsel with experience as a litigation attorney in intellectual property matters involved in these cases. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for Ms. Hagan's *pro hac vice* admission. Ms. Hagan will be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* as back-up counsel only. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner's motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Elizabeth B. Hagan is *granted*, and Ms. Hagan is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Hagan 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 Ms. Hagan 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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