

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Petitioner

v.

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE,

Patent Owner

IPR2018-01607

Patent No. 7,620,800

**PATENT OWNER SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE'S
MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF
CHRISTOPHER L. EVANS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

I. RELIEF REQUESTED

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Patent Owner, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, respectfully request the *pro hac vice* admission of Christopher L. Evans in these proceedings.

II. GOVERNING LAWS, RULES, AND PRECEDENT

Section 42.10(c) states as follows:

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and to any other conditions as the Board may impose. For example, where the lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* by counsel who is not a registered practitioner may be granted upon showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.

As stated in the "Order Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission" entered in Case IPR2013-00010 (MPT) (Paper 6) ("Motorola Order"), any motion for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) must be filed "no sooner than (21) days after service of the petition.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Based on the following facts and supported by the Declaration of Christopher Evans ("Evans Decl.") submitted herewith, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe requests the *pro hac vice* admission of Christopher L. Evans in this proceeding.

1. Patent Owner Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's lead counsel, Alfonso Chan, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 45,964).
2. Mr. Evans is a partner at the law firm Shore Chan DePumpo LLP. Evans Decl. at ¶ 3.
3. Mr. Evans is an experienced litigation attorney who has been litigating patent cases for over nine years. *Id.* at ¶ 5.
4. Mr. Evans is co-lead counsel in concurrently pending district court proceedings involving the same patent: *SRC Labs, LLC and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe v. Amazon Web Services, Inc. et al*, No. 2:18-cv-00317 (W.D. Wash.). *Id.* In his role as co-lead counsel, Mr. Evans has acquired unique and specialized knowledge concerning the '311 patent, the field of technology to which it pertains, and prior art that is relevant to these proceedings. *Id.*
5. Mr. Evans has been practicing since 2009 and has extensive experience litigating patent infringement cases in many different district courts across the United States. *Id.* at ¶ 4.
6. Mr. Evans has been co-lead counsel in a patent infringement trial and argued multiple *Markman* hearings and many other patent-related hearings. *Id.* at ¶ 6.
7. Mr. Evans has an established and unique familiarity with tribal sovereign immunity which is a subject matter at issue in this proceeding because he represents

the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and has represented other sovereign entities, such as the University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc. *Id.* at ¶ 14-15.

8. As a result, Mr. Evans has unique and specialized knowledge concerning the application of tribal sovereign immunity in *inter partes* review. *Id.*

9. Mr. Evans is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. *Id.* at ¶ 7.

10. Mr. Evans has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body. *Id.* at ¶ 8.

11. No application of Mr. Evans for admission to practice before any court or administrative body has ever been denied. *Id.* at ¶ 9.

12. No sanctions or contempt citations have ever been imposed against Mr. Evans by any court or administrative body. *Id.* at ¶ 10.

13. Mr. Evans has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42. *Id.* at ¶ 11.

14. Mr. Evans understands that he will be subject to the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.20 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). *Id.* at ¶ 12.

15. Mr. Evans has applied to appear *pro hac vice* in one other set of proceedings before the Office in the last three years. *Id.* at ¶ 13.

16. This motion was filed more than 21 days after service of the Petition in this proceeding.

IV. GOOD CAUSE EXISTS FOR THE *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF MR. EVANS IN THIS PROCEEDING

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and to any other conditions as the Board may impose. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Patent Owner's lead counsel, Alfonso Chan, is a registered practitioner. Based on the facts contained herein, as supported by Mr. Evans's Declaration, good cause exists to admit Mr. Evans *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

Mr. Evans is an experienced patent litigator with unique knowledge of the application of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's tribal sovereign immunity to these proceedings. And tribal sovereign immunity is a jurisdictional issue that must be decided before this case may proceed. In view of Mr. Evans's extensive knowledge of this subject matter Patent Owner, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, has a substantial need for Mr. Evans's *pro hac vice* admission and his involvement in the briefing and oral arguments concerning that issue.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons as well as the reasons contained in the attached affidavit, Patent Owner Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe respectfully requests admission of Christopher Evans as counsel *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

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