

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AMERICAN NATIONAL MANUFACTURING INC,
Petitioner,

v.

SLEEP NUMBER CORPORATION
f/k/a SELECT COMFORT CORPORATION,
Patent Owner.

IPR2019-00497 (Patent 8,769,747 B2)
IPR2019-00500 (Patent 9,737,154 B2)
IPR2019-00514 (Patent 5,904,172)¹

Before SCOTT A. DANIELS, FRANCES L. IPPOLITO, and
ALYSSA A. FINAMORE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DANIELS, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

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

¹ We issue one Order and enter it in each proceeding.

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Patent Owner filed a Motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Elizabeth Patton (Paper 19), supported by a Declaration (Ex. 2021), in each of the above-identified proceedings.² The Motion is unopposed. Based on the facts set forth in the Motion and the accompanying Declaration, we conclude Ms. Patton has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Petitioner, she has demonstrated the necessary familiarity with the subject matter of this case, and there is a need for Patent Owner to have counsel with her experience. Patent Owner has established good cause for the *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Patton. For the foregoing reasons, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Ms. Patton is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner as lead counsel in the instant proceeding, but Ms. Patton is authorized to be designated as backup counsel;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner shall file updated mandatory notices, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3), providing updated information regarding back-up counsel.

² For brevity we refer only to papers in IPR2019-00497.

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