

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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APPLE INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

MPH TECHNOLOGIES OY,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2019-00820  
Patent 7,937,581

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**PETITIONER'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW CURRENT  
COUNSEL AND SUBSTITUTE NEW COUNSEL**

**I. RELIEF REQUESTED**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.10(e), Petitioner, Apple Inc., respectfully requests that the Board authorize the withdrawal of its current counsel, Michael D. Specht, Daniel S. Block and Timothy L. Tang and substitute new counsels David W. O'Brien and Andrew S. Ehmke. Petitioner's new counsel has conferred with Patent Owner's counsel, who has indicated that Patent Owner will not oppose this Motion. The Board authorized the filing of the present motion in an October 12, 2022 e-mail.

**II. STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

Michael D. Specht (Reg. No. 54,463), Daniel S. Block (Reg. No. 68,395) and Timothy L. Tang (Reg. No. 75,187) were appointed by Petitioner as its attorneys for the present *inter partes* review proceeding. Petitioner requests that the current designated counsel be allowed to withdraw from the present proceeding and David W. O'Brien (Reg. No. 40,107) be substituted as lead counsel and Andrew S. Ehmke (Reg. No. 50,271) be substituted as back-up counsel. Each of Petitioner's new counsel is an attorney at Haynes and Boone, LLP and meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) as registered practitioners.

There are no present deadlines in the proceeding, though the case has been remanded the Board by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Court's mandate should issue shortly. Petitioner does not expect that this substitution will cause any delay in the proceeding or prejudice to the Patent Owner in any way.

### III. CONCLUSION

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board grant this motion to authorize the withdrawal of counsel and substitution of new counsel.

Dated: October 12, 2022

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.6, that service was made on counsel for the Patent Owner as detailed below.

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