

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

WORLD PROGRAMMING LIMITED,

Petitioner,

v.

SAS INSTITUTE, INC.,

Patent Owner.

Case Nos. IPR2019-01459

U.S. Patent 7,447,686

**PETITIONER WORLD PROGRAMMING LIMITED'S
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL**

I. STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board authorize the practitioners associated with Baker Botts LLP to withdraw from this proceeding.

II. STATEMENT SHOWING GOOD CAUSE FOR THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

On August 5, 2019, Petitioner filed a power of attorney appointing the practitioners associated with Baker Botts LLP as its attorneys in this proceeding. Paper 3. Christopher Ryan (Reg. No. 54,759) was designated as lead counsel, and Brian Oaks (Reg. No. 44,981) was designated as backup counsel. *Id.* On November 8, 2019, Petitioner filed a power of attorney appointing Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as its attorneys in this proceeding. Concurrently with the filing of the power of attorney, Petitioner submitted updated mandatory notices designating Harper Batts (Reg. No. 56,160) as lead counsel and Chris Ponder (Reg. No. 77,167) as first backup counsel. Petitioner's new counsel meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) as lead counsel and registered practitioners.

In identifying and designating new counsel who are ready and able to take over the representation, reasonable steps have been taken to "avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the client, including giving due notice to his or her client, [and] allowing time for employment of another practitioner." *See* 37 C.F.R.

§ 10.40(a). Further, Petitioner believes that granting this motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

III. PATENT OWNER DOES NOT OBJECT TO THIS SUBSTITUTION

Patent Owner has indicated it does not oppose the requested withdrawal of the practitioners associated with Baker Botts LLP, and does not oppose Petitioner's designation of new lead and backup counsel.

IV. CONCLUSION

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board grant its motion to authorize the practitioners associated Baker Botts LLP to withdraw from this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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