

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

STRATOSAUDIO, INC.,
Patent Owner

IPR2021-00716
U.S. Patent No. 8,688,028

**DECLARATION OF HALLIE KIERNAN IN SUPPORT OF PATENT
OWNER'S MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF
HALLIE KIERNAN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

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I, Hallie Kiernan, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the California State Bar.
2. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.
3. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.
4. I have had no sanctions or contempt citations imposed against me by any court or administrative body.
5. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.
6. I agree to be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and to disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).
7. I have previously applied to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in IPR2021-01649, IPR2021-01650, IPR2021-01650, IPR2021-01652, IPR2021-01653 and IPR2021-01654 and am concurrently applying to appear *pro hac vice* in IPR2021-00712, IPR2021-00720 and IPR2021-00721. Otherwise, I have not applied to practice before this Board *pro hac vice* in any other proceeding.

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8. I am experienced with the subject matter of U.S. Patent No. 8,688,028 (the “’028 patent”) at issue in this proceeding, including its prosecution history and the scientific field to which the ’028 patent relates. I advised Patent Owner regarding the present IPR proceeding, through which I have developed a thorough understanding of the ’028 patent, the relevant art, and the scientific field.

9. I am a litigating attorney with three years of experience in private practice in the U.S. During this time, I have gained experience representing clients in varying kinds of motion practice. I have experience with patent litigation, having served as counsel in complex patent litigation matters, participated in *Markman* proceedings, summary judgement pleadings, and other patent-related pleadings and hearings concerning patent invalidity and infringement issues.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that all statements herein are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: December 20, 2021

By: /s/ Hallie Kiernan /
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