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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., Ltd.,  
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, Inc., and APPLE Inc.,  
Petitioners,

v.

SMART MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2022-01004  
Patent 9,614,943

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**PATENT OWNER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE*  
ADMISSION OF STEVEN J. UDICK**

Patent Owner Smart Mobile Technologies LLC (“Patent Owner”) respectfully requests that the Board recognize Steven J. Udick, Esq. as *pro hac vice* and backup counsel for Patent Owner for this proceeding.

## I. BACKGROUND

Patent Owner’s Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission is being filed pursuant to and in compliance with the Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition and Time for Filing Patent Owner Preliminary Response, which was filed June 7, 2022 (Paper 3) (the “Notice”). The Notice authorizes parties to file motions for *pro hac vice* admission under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c). Further to the Notice, such “motions shall be filed in accordance with the ‘Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission’ in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper 7” (the “Order”).

## II. TIMING OF FILING

This Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* admission is being filed in accordance with the Notice Authorizing the Filing of a Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission, and is filed greater than twenty-one days after that Notice.

## III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

As required by the Order, the following statement of facts, supported by the attached Declaration of Steven J. Udick in Support of Patent Owner’s Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission (Ex. 2001), shows that there is good cause for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) to recognize Mr. Udick *pro hac vice* in this

proceeding.

Mr. Udick has over ten years of experience specializing in patent litigation and representing clients in patent litigation matters in various United States District Courts and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. (Ex. 2001 at ¶ 2.)

Mr. Udick is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas (2012), (*Id.* at ¶ 1) and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas. Mr. Udick is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. (*Id.* at ¶ 2)

Mr. Udick has worked with lead counsel in most aspects of his participation in this proceeding. Mr. Udick has an established deep familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. (*Id.* at ¶ 10.) Mr. Udick has reviewed U.S. Patent No. 9,614,943 (the “’943 patent”), the patent-at-issue, and other papers associated with this matter. (*Id.*) Mr. Udick is counsel for Patent Owner in the related co-pending district court cases, *Smart Mobile Technologies LLC v. Apple Inc.*, 6:21-cv-00603-ADA (W.D. Tex.) and *Smart Mobile Technologies LLC v. Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc.*, 6:21-cv-00701-ADA (W.D. Tex.), in which Patent Owner has asserted the ’943 patent against Petitioners. (*Id.*)

Mr. Udick has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body, apart from an administrative suspension for nonpayment of inactive bar dues by the Washington Bar Association, which was lifted upon payment of the overdue bar dues. (*Id.* at ¶ 3.) Mr. Udick has never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied. (*Id.* at ¶ 4.) Mr. Udick has never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed on from any court or administrative body. (*Id.* at ¶ 5.)

Mr. Udick has read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. (*Id.* at ¶ 6.) Mr. Udick agrees to be subject to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et. seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). (*Id.* at ¶ 7.) Mr. Udick has applied to appear *pro hac vice* in one other proceeding before the Board within the last three years. (*Id.* at ¶ 8.)

#### **IV. REASONS FOR GRANTING THE MOTION**

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). For example, where the lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* may be granted upon showing that counsel who is seeking

*pro hac vice* admission is “an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.” (*Id.*) The motion for *pro hac vice* admission must contain a statement of facts showing good cause and be accompanied by a declaration of the individual who is seeking admission. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper No. 7 at 3-4 (P.T.A.B. Oct. 15, 2013). The declaration in turn must contain certain attestations. (*Id.*)

This motion and the accompanying declaration meet all of the Board’s requirements. The lead counsel in this proceeding, Rex Hwang, is a registered practitioner. (*Id.* at ¶ 9.) Mr. Udick is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 2, 10.) Mr. Udick’s declaration makes the necessary attestations. (*Id.* at ¶ 11.)

Petitioner does not oppose this motion.

## V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Patent Owner respectfully submits that there is good cause for the Board to recognize Mr. Udick as *Pro Hac Vice* counsel and backup counsel for Patent Owner during this proceeding. Patent Owner’s Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission is accompanied by a Declaration of Steven J. Udick as required by the Order.

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