

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ASSA ABLOY AB, ASSA ABLOY INC.,
ASSA ABLOY RESIDENTIAL GROUP, INC.,
AUGUST HOME, INC., HID GLOBAL CORPORATION, and
ASSA ABLOY GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.,
Petitioners,

v.

CPC PATENT TECHNOLOGIES PTY LTD.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2022-01006
Patent 9,665,705 B2

Before SCOTT A. DANIELS, BARRY L. GROSSMAN, and
AMBER L. HAGY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

GROSSMAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Denying Without Prejudice Patent Owner's Motion
for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Steven M. Coyle and Nicholas A. Geiger
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

On September 6, 2022, Patent Owner filed Motions requesting *pro hac vice* admission of Steven M. Coyle (Paper 7) and Nicholas A. Geiger (Paper 8). Patent Owner submitted Declarations of Mr. Coyle (Ex. 2001) and Mr. Geiger (Ex. 2002) in support of the Motions. For the reasons discussed below, we deny Patent Owner's Motions without prejudice.

The Notice of Filing Date Accorded to Petition entered in this proceeding authorizes parties to file motions for admission *pro hac vice* in accordance with the standards set forth in *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (representative "Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission"). Paper 3, 2–3.

The *Unified Patents* representative Order requires that a motion for admission *pro hac vice* be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear, attesting to "[a]ll other proceedings before the Office for which the individual has applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the last three (3) years." *Unified Patents*, Paper 7 at 3. Mr. Coyle and Mr. Geiger do not identify in their Declarations the other proceedings for which they have applied to appear *pro hac vice* in the last three years. For example, Mr. Coyle should have identified his application for *pro hac vice* admission in IPR2019-01356. *See* IPR2019-01356, Paper 6.

The *Unified Patents* representative Order also requires that the individual seeking to appear *pro hac vice* attests to "[m]embership in good standing of the Bar of at least one State or the District of Columbia." *Unified Patents*, Paper 7 at 3. While Mr. Geiger declares that he is "a member in good standing of the Bars of the State of Connecticut and the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia," we note that he

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does not appear to be a member of the Virginia State Bar as indicated in his Declaration. Ex. 2002 ¶ 2.

Accordingly, the Declarations of Mr. Coyle and Mr. Geiger are deficient because they do not meet the standards set forth in the *Unified Patents* representative Order. Given the deficiency of the Declarations, we deny Patent Owner's Motions without prejudice. Patent Owner is authorized to file revised motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Mr. Coyle and Mr. Geiger and revised declarations of Mr. Coyle and Mr. Geiger that comply with the standards set forth in *Unified Patents*.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Steven M. Coyle and Nicholas A. Geiger are *denied without prejudice*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is authorized to file revised motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Steven M. Coyle and Nicholas A. Geiger along with supporting declarations that comply with the standards set forth in *Unified Patents*.

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