

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,
and FORD MOTOR COMPANY,¹
Petitioner,

v.

NEO WIRELESS LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2022-01539
Patent 10,965,512 B2

Before HYUN J. JUNG, JO-ANNE M. KOKOSKI, and
MATTHEW S. MEYERS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

JUNG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of Xu Zhou
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ Ford Motor Company filed a motion for joinder and a petition in IPR2023-00764. The motion was granted, and, therefore, Ford Motor Company has been joined as petitioner in this proceeding.

Neo Wireless LLC (“Patent Owner”) filed a motion for *pro hac vice* admission of Xu Zhou in the above-listed proceeding (“Motion”). Paper 24. Patent Owner also filed a supporting declaration from Mr. Zhou. Ex. 2030. Patent Owner states that the Motion is unopposed. Paper 24, 1.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), 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. In its notice authorizing motions for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice*, and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in this proceeding. *See Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, Case IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

The Board has reviewed the submission and determined that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 have been met, and that there is good cause to admit Mr. Zhou *pro hac vice*.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Xu Zhou is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that a registered practitioner will continue to represent Patent Owner as lead counsel in the above-listed proceeding, and Mr. Zhou is authorized to represent Patent Owner only as back-up counsel in this proceeding;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Zhou shall comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, as updated by the Consolidated Office Patent Trial Practice Guide (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)) and the Board’s

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Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Zhou is subject to the USPTO's Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and to the USPTO's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

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