

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TWI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MERCK SERONO SA,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2023-00049
U.S. Patent No. 7,713,947

**DECLARATION OF H. RACHAEL MILLION-PEREZ
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

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Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*

I, H. Rachael Million-Perez, declare as follows:

1. I was admitted to the New York Bar in 2016 and the Colorado Bar in 2019. I have been practicing law for over eight years, with an emphasis on patent litigation in a variety of jurisdictions. I have had significant involvement in patent disputes in *inter partes* review proceedings and district court litigation. As part of my patent litigation experience, I have knowledge and experience with litigating invalidity/validity, defending and deposing fact and expert witnesses, handling evidentiary issues, and claim construction.

2. I am a member in good standing of the New York and Colorado Bars and am admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

3. My New York Bar membership number is 5441605. My Colorado Bar membership number is 53394.

4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

5. I have never had a court or administrative body deny my application for admission to practice.

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6. I have never had any sanctions or contempt citations imposed on me by any court or administrative body.

7. I have read and will comply with the Patent Office Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules for Practice for Trials, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Part 42.

8. I agree 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).

9. I have assisted and worked on *inter partes* review proceedings dating back to 2016. I have not appeared *pro hac vice* before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the last three years.

10. I am intimately familiar with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. I have reviewed the papers filed in this proceeding. In addition to this proceeding, I have reviewed the papers filed in the related *inter partes* review matters challenging U.S. Patent No. 7,713,947 (the "947 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 8,377,903 (the "903 patent"), which were filed as *Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc., v. Merck Serono SA*, IPR2023-00480, and *Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc., v. Merck Serono SA*, IPR2023-00481, respectively. Moreover, I am currently representing Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA

(collectively, “Merck”) in the following consolidated district court litigation, in which the ’947 patent is a patent-in-suit: *Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA v. Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-01365-GBW (consolidated)¹ (D. Del.).

11. I will work in coordination and association with the designated lead counsel, Emily R. Whelan, for the duration of my involvement in this proceeding.

12. 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 these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or

¹ The following cases have been consolidated as *Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA v. Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-01365-GBW (D. Del.): *Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA v. Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc.*, No. 1:22-cv-01365-GBW (D. Del.); *Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA v. Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc. and Aurobindo Pharma Limited*, No. 1:23-cv-00039-GBW (D. Del.); and *Merck KGaA, Merck Serono SA, and Ares Trading SA v. Apotex Inc. and Apotex Corp.*, No. 1:23-cv-00655-GBW (D. Del.).

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both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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