

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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METAPLATFORMS, INC.,  
Petitioner

v.

ANGEL TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2023-00057 (Patent 8,954,432 B2)  
IPR2023-00058 (Patent 9,959,291 B2)  
IPR2023-00059 (Patent 10,417,275 B2)  
IPR2023-00060 (Patent 10,628,480 B2)<sup>1</sup>

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Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, SHARON FENICK, and  
MICHAEL T. CYGAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

FENICK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Granting Patent Owner's Motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of  
Eliza Beeney and Kaylee E. Hoffner  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.10*

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<sup>1</sup> This Order addresses issues that are the same in all above-captioned proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The parties are not authorized to use this style heading in subsequent papers.

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On November 18, 2022, Angel Technologies Group LLC (“Patent Owner”) filed motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Eliza Beeney (Paper 6<sup>2</sup>) and Kaylee E. Hoffner (Paper 7) in each of the above-captioned proceedings (collectively, “Motions”). The Motions are supported by Declarations of Ms. Beeney (Ex. 2002) and Ms. Hoffner (Ex. 2004). The Motions are *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide 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 the proceeding. *See* Paper 4, 2 (citing *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”)) (“Notice”).

Patent Owner states that “Ms. Beeney is an experienced litigation attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding,” that “Ms. Beeney has been involved in numerous complex litigations in federal courts,” and that Ms. Beeney has reviewed the Petitions and the patents at issue. Paper 6, 2. Patent Owner states the same of

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<sup>2</sup> Papers and Exhibits refer to Proceeding IPR2023-00057. Corresponding papers and exhibits were filed in IPR2023-00058, IPR2023-00059, and IPR2023-00060.

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Ms. Hoffner. Paper 7, 2. Patent Owner additionally states that Ms. Beeney is of record in litigation between the parties. Paper 6, 2.

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner meet the requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. See Ex. 2002 ¶¶ 1–8; Ex. 2004 ¶¶ 1–7. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner. Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motions for admission *pro hac vice* of Eliza Beeney and Kaylee E. Hoffner for these proceedings are *granted*; Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner are authorized to act only as back-up counsels in the instant proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for these proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner shall comply with the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide,<sup>3</sup> 84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019), and the Board’s Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

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<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Beeney and Ms. Hoffner are subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a) and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq.

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