

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HOPEWELL PHARMA VENTURES, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

MERCK SERONO S.A.,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2023-00480
U.S. Patent No. 7,713,947

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTINA E. DASHE
IN SUPPORT OF *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

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I, Christina E. Dashe, declare as follows:

1. I am Counsel at the law firm of Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC. I represent and counsel Petitioner Hopewell Pharma Ventures, Inc. (“Petitioner”), in connection with the above-captioned *inter partes* review proceeding.

2. I have been a member in good standing of the bars of California, the District of Columbia, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

3. I have not been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.

4. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.

5. No sanction or contempt citation has been imposed against me by any court or administrative body.

6. I have 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 37 C.F.R.

7. I understand that I will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.* and disciplinary jurisdiction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

8. I practice patent law, including patent litigation before courts and agencies, including U.S. District Courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and have done so throughout my career as an attorney since 2013.

9. As a part of my patent litigation experience, I have significant knowledge and experience with litigating invalidity defenses, defending and deposing witnesses, handling evidentiary issues, and arguing issues of claim construction.

10. I have worked on proceedings before the Board dating back to 2016. This work experience includes: assisting with the preparation of petitions and other submissions; preparing witnesses for deposition; and assisting with oral argument and related presentations.

11. To date, I have worked with the named lead and back-up counsel to develop and analyze the legal and factual issues raised in the Petition. I have been significantly involved in the preparation of the Petition and supporting evidence. Through this involvement, I have gained in-depth familiarity with the arguments and evidence supporting the Petition, including through the review and analysis of

documents such as the challenged patent, the prosecution history of the challenged patent, technical literature, the expert declaration, and other sources of information

12. I will work in coordination and association with the designated lead counsel, Eldora L. Ellison, for the duration of my involvement in this proceeding.

13. 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. I further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this proceeding.

/Christina E. Dashe/

Christina E. Dashe, Esq.

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