

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 JOHN CHRISTOPHER ROZENDAAL
IN SUPPORT OF *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)**

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I, John Christopher Rozendaal, declare as follows:

1. I am a Director 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 bar of the State of Virginia since 1997 and the bar of the District of Columbia since 1999. In addition, I am a member in good standing of the bars of the Supreme Court of the United States (admitted in 2001); United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (admitted in 2006); United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (admitted in 1998); the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (admitted in 2004); United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (admitted in 1998); United States District Court for the District of Columbia (admitted in 2000); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (admitted 2000); and United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia (admitted 2000).

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 serve as head of the Trial and Appellate Practice Group at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC, which is the nation's fourth-largest firm specializing in intellectual property matters. I practice patent litigation before the courts and U.S. International Trade Commission and have done so throughout my nearly 25-year-long career as an attorney. I have served as lead counsel in scores of patent lawsuits and patent appeals to the Federal Circuit.

9. I have worked on proceedings before the Board dating back to 2019. This work experience includes: preparing petitions, motions, and other submissions; deposing, defending, and preparing witnesses; and seeking relief from the Board in accordance with Board procedures. I have previously requested and received permission to appear *pro hac vice* before the Office in the following proceedings: PGR2019-00048; Interference Nos. 106,115; 106,127; and 106,132.

10. 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

11. I will work in coordination and association with the designated lead counsel, Eldora L. Ellison, 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. 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.

/John Christopher Rozendaal/

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