

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

EIKO GLOBAL, LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

BLACKBIRD TECH LLC d/b/a BLACKBIRD TECHNOLOGIES,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00980

Patent 7,086,747

PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR COUNSEL TO WITHDRAW

I. 37 C.F.R. § 42.10 – STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Patent Owner Blackbird Tech LLC d/b/a Blackbird Technologies, owner of U.S. Patent No. 7,086,747, respectfully requests that the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (the “Board”) hereby permit current counsel-of-record Stamatios Stamoulis (Reg. No. 47,960) and Richard Weinblatt (Reg. No. 45,500) to withdraw from this action.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS SUPPORTING WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

Patent Owner wishes for new counsel in the above-captioned *inter partes* review. Specifically, Patent Owner has already appointed the following Counsel as indicated by the Power of Attorney (Paper 11) and the First Updated Mandatory Notices (Paper 12) filed on this date:

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Patent Owner verifies that no extension of time will be sought by substitute counsel as a result of the withdrawal and substitution.

BASIS FOR REQUESTED RELIEF

On April 11, 2017, and again on May 31, 2017, current counsel-of-record contacted the Board by email seeking permission to file this motion. On June 2, 2017, the Board responded by email with authorization to file this Motion to Withdraw. The Board instructed the Patent Owner to verify in this Motion that no extension of time will be sought by substitute counsel as a result of the withdrawal and substitution. With this step complete, Patent Owner hereby requests that counsel identified above, Stamatios Stamoulis and Richard Weinblatt, be allowed to withdraw from this proceeding.

It is believed that granting this Motion will not hinder the economy, the integrity of the patent system, the efficient administration of the Office, or the ability of the Office to timely complete this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 316(b).

Petitioner does not oppose this Motion.

III. CONCLUSION

Patent Owner Blackbird Tech LLC d/b/a Blackbird Technologies respectfully requests that the Board grant this Motion to allow current counsel-of-record Stamatios Stamoulis (Reg. No. 47,960) and Richard Weinblatt (Reg. No. 45,500) to withdraw.

Dated: June 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 5, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Patent Owner's Motion For Counsel to Withdraw was served on Petitioner by serving the correspondence email addresses of record as follows:

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