

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PALO ALTO NETWORKS, INC., FORTINET, INC., and
WATCHGUARD TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Petitioner,

v.

SELECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC¹,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-00594
Patent 8,111,629 B2

Before MELISSA A. HAAPALA, *Acting Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge*, KRISTEN L. DROESCH, and CHRISTOPHER M. KAISER, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

DROESCH, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Unopposed Motion to
Withdraw and Substitute Counsel
37 C.F.R. § 42.10(e)

¹ Patent Owner, on February 21, 2019, filed an Updated Mandatory Notice indicating Selective Technologies, LLC and AVI Oron are real parties-in-interest. *See* Paper 23, 1.

On February 21, 2019, Patent Owner filed, with authorization, a Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel. Paper 22. Patent Owner requests withdrawal of Jeffrey G. Toler (Reg. No. 38,342) of Toler Law Group, PC, who is currently designated as lead counsel for Patent Owner. *Id.* at 1–3. Patent Owner seeks to substitute current back-up counsel Benjamin R. Johnson (Reg. No. 64,483) of Toler Law Group, PC as new lead counsel. *See id.* Patent Owner will continue to be represented by back-up counsel Timothy Devlin (Reg. 41,706) of Devlin Law Firm, LLC. *See id.* at 1–2; Paper 15. Patent Owner concurrently filed a new Power Attorney designating Benjamin R. Johnson as lead counsel and Timothy Devlin as back-up counsel. *See* Paper 24.

Patent Owner asserts that it would not be prejudiced by the proposed withdrawal and substitution of counsel. *See* Paper 22, 2 (citing 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a)). Patent Owner further contends that granting its 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 id.* (citing 35 U.S.C. § 316).

ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel (Paper 22) is *granted*.

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