

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HTC CORPORATION, HTC AMERICA, INC., and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,
v.

UNILOC 2017 LLC,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2018-01589¹
Patent 7,653,508 B1

PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

¹ Samsung Electronics America, Inc., which filed a petition in IPR2019-00889, has been joined as a petitioner in this proceeding.

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board authorize the withdrawal of Mario A. Apreotesi as backup counsel in this matter.

II. STATEMENT SHOWING GOOD CAUSE FOR THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

On August 23, 2018, Petitioner submitted its Power of Attorney for Petition for *Inter Partes* Review, appointing Mario A. Apreotesi as one of its backup counsel in the above-captioned *inter partes* review. Paper 2. For good cause, Petitioner requests that Mario A. Apreotesi be deemed withdrawn from the present proceeding. Mr. Apreotesi is leaving the firm of Vinson & Elkins LLP and will have no continuing involvement in this matter. Todd E. Landis and Jeffrey R. Swigart, Lead Counsel and Back-up Counsel, respectively, will remain as counsel for Petitioner. Further, Petitioner believes 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).

Patent Owner has indicated it does not oppose the requested withdrawal.

III. CONCLUSION

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board grant its motion for withdrawal of Mario A. Apreotesi as backup counsel for Petitioner. Upon grant of this motion, Petitioner will promptly file an updated Power of Attorney and Mandatory Notices removing Mr. Apreotesi from his previous role as backup counsel for Petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), the foregoing document is being served electronically on the 10th day of December, 2019, upon the Patent Owner as follows:

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