

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

ARCH CHEMICALS, INC.,
Patent Owner

Case: IPR2019-01498
U.S. Patent No: 9,723,842

**PETITIONER’S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF
CHRISTOPHER K. LARUS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Petitioner, Sherwin-Williams Company, respectfully requests *pro hac vice* admission of Christopher K. Larus in this proceeding. Petitioner seeks Mr. Larus' assistance because of his experience assisting Petitioner in its parallel litigation and his familiarity with the substantive and technical issues involved in this proceeding.

1. Statement of Facts

Petitioner's lead counsel in this proceeding, Ryan M. Schultz, is a registered practitioner. Mr. Larus has litigated patent infringement disputes for 26 years. His experience includes all aspects of such cases, including fact and expert discovery, Markman hearings, first chair of trials, and oral arguments in Federal district courts, as well as in appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Mr. Larus has established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in this proceeding. U.S. Patent No. 9,723,842 is involved in parallel litigation filed by Patent Owner in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (C.A. No. 1:18-cv-02037-LPS). Robins Kaplan LLP represents Petitioner in the litigation. Mr. Larus has appeared as counsel for Petitioner in the litigation and is actively involved in all aspects of the litigation. For example, Mr. Larus is deeply familiar with the challenged patent and the prior art that is the subject of the Petition and is charged with developing analysis and strategy for Petitioner regarding the challenged patent.

In that role, he participated in preparing Petitioner's invalidity contentions, which relied in part on the same prior art presented in Petitioner's Petition, as well as Petitioner's discovery responses, which also concerned the same prior art as in Petitioner's Petition. Further, he is leading development of Petitioner's claim construction positions in the parallel district court litigation regarding the challenged patent. Therefore, good cause exists to admit Mr. Larus *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

2. Affidavit or Declaration of Individual Seeking to Appear

This Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission is accompanied by the required Declaration of Mr. Larus.

Dated: November 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e)(4), the undersigned certifies that on November 1, 2019, a copy of PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF CHRISTOPHER K. LARUS was served in its entirety by electronic mail on Patent Owner as indicated on their mandatory notice:

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