### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

META PLATFORMS, INC., INSTAGRAM, LLC, WHATSAPP INC., Petitioners

v.

EYESMATCH LTD., MEMOMI LABS INC., Patent Owners

Case No. IPR2022-00489 U.S. Patent No. 8,982,109

PATENT OWNERS EYESMATCH LTD., AND MEMOMI LABS, INC.'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF NATASHA M. SAPUTO UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), Patent Owners EyesMatch Ltd., and Memomi Labs Inc. ("EyesMatch" and "Memomi") respectfully requests that the Board recognize Natasha M. Saputo as counsel *pro hac vice* in this proceeding. Patent Owners seek the counsel of Ms. Saputo due to her familiarity with the '883 patent and prior art identified in the Petition in this proceeding based on her representation of EyesMatch and Memomi before the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, as well as her experience in representing clients in patent cases in major patent venues, including U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the International Trade Commission, and would like Ms. Saputo to participate in the trial of this *inter partes* review proceeding.

Petitioners have confirmed that they will not oppose this motion.

### I. GOVERNING RULES AND PRECEDENT

37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) provides:

The Board may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause, subject to the condition that lead counsel be a registered practitioner and to any other conditions as the Board may impose. For example, where the lead counsel is a registered practitioner, a motion to appear *pro hac vice* by counsel who is not a registered practitioner may be granted upon showing that counsel is an experienced litigating attorney and has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding.

The Board has specified that motions under 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c) should be filed "in accordance with the 'Order -- Authorizing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission' in Case IPR2013-00639, Paper 7." Notice at 2. That Order states that the motion must "[c]ontain a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel pro hac vice during the proceeding" and that it must "[b]e accompanied by an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear" that attests to the facts specified in the Order. Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC, IPR2013-00639, Paper No. 7 (P.T.A.B. Oct. 15, 2013) ("Unified Patents Order").

The statement of facts that follows shows there is good cause for the Board to recognize Ms. Saputo as counsel *pro hac vice* during this proceeding. This Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission is accompanied by the required Declaration of Ms. Saputo that includes the facts specified in the *Unified Patents* Order.

#### II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Patent Owners' lead counsel, Gina Cremona, is a registered practitioner (Reg. No. 74,844).

Ms. Saputo is an experienced patent litigation attorney with approximately seven years of experience representing clients in patent cases involving numerous technologies. Ms. Saputo has experience as a patent litigator before the U.S. District Courts, the International Trade Commission, and the United States Court of Appeals

for the Federal Circuit. Through her practice in such cases, Ms. Saputo has gained substantial experience in patent litigation including jury trials, bench trials, fact discovery, expert discovery, *Markman* hearings, trials before administrative law judges, and appeals before the Federal Circuit. Petitioner provides Exhibit A of Ms. Saputo's accompanying declaration as evidence.

Ms. Saputo is a member in good standing of the State Bars of California, New York, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and before the United States District Courts for the Northern District of California, the Central District of California, the Eastern District of Texas, and the Eastern District of Virginia. Ms. Saputo has never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body and has never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied. Also, no sanction or contempt citation has been imposed against Ms. Saputo by any court or administrative body. Ms. Saputo has read and agrees to comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and will be subject to the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 et seq. and disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a). Ms. Saputo's previous *pro hac vice* motions in Proceeding Nos. IPR2022-00370 and IPR2022-00371 filed in the last three years are pending.

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Ms. Saputo is concurrently applying to appear pro hac vice in Proceeding No.

IPR2022-00490.

Ms. Saputo also has an established familiarity with the subject matter at issue

in this *inter partes* review proceeding, including the substantive and technical issues

involved. Ms. Saputo is trial counsel for EyesMatch Ltd., and Memomi Labs Inc.,

the Patent Owners in this proceeding, in the U.S. District Court for the District of

Delaware, Case No. 1:21-cv-0111-RGA-JLH, which involves the same patent (U.S.

Patent No. 8,982,109) and the same references identified in the Petition in this

proceeding as the grounds for challenge. Should the present motion be granted,

Patent Owners intend for Ms. Saputo to participate in the trial of this IPR proceeding.

III. **CONCLUSION** 

Accordingly, Patent Owners submit that there is good cause under 37 C.F.R.

§ 42.10(c) for the Board to recognize Ms. Natasha M. Saputo as counsel pro hac

vice during this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on Dated: February 22, 2022, copies of the foregoing were served via Electronic Mail to the following:

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