

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

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EP FAMILY CORP.,

Petitioner

v.

OFFICE KICK, INC.,

Patent Owner

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Case IPR2025-00471  
Patent No. 11,849,843

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**DECLARATON OF BENJAMIN T. HORTON IN SUPPORT OF  
PATENT OWNER'S MOTION FOR  
*PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF BENJAMIN T. HORTON**

Exhibit 2001 EP Family v Office Kick IPR2025-00471
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I, Benjamin T. Horton, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.
2. I have been practicing in the field intellectual property law, and particularly patent litigation, for approximately nineteen years.
3. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Illinois, as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including the Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois, and I have also been admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and pro hac vice in a number of other Federal District courts.
4. I have never been suspended or disbarred from practice before any court or administrative body.
5. I have never had an application for admission to practice before any court or administrative body denied.
6. I have never had sanctions or contempt citations imposed upon me by any court or administrative body.
7. I have read and will comply with the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide and the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials set forth in part 42 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
8. I have read and will abide by and be subject to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Responsibility set forth in 37 C.F.R. §

11.101 et. seq. and the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a).

9. I have been admitted in proceedings before the Office in the past three years, specifically PGR2022-00048 (*Vovomart (HK) Enterprises Co., Ltd., HK Sanodesk Co., Ltd., and Loctek, Inc. v. Office Kick, Inc.*).

10. I am an experienced litigation attorney and I am familiar with the subject matter at issue in the proceeding. I have spent substantial time reviewing and analyzing U.S. Patent No. 11,849,843, its file history, the Petition and the references cited therein. As a result, I have acquired substantial understanding of the underlying legal and technological issues at stake in this proceeding. Patent Owner has spent time and resources consulting with me as counsel in this and other matters involving the subject matter at issue in this proceeding and wishes to continue using me as counsel in this proceeding.

11. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Dated: February 26, 2025

/s/ Benjamin T. Horton  
Benjamin T. Horton