

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ACTIVISION BLIZZARD, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

MILESTONE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00708 (Patent 8,529,336 B2)
IPR2025-00709 (Patent 10,650,635 B2)
IPR2025-00710 (Patent 10,825,294 B2)
IPR2025-00711 (Patent 11,335,164 B2)
IPR2025-00712 (Patent 11,393,279 B2)
IPR2025-00713 (Patent 11,501,607 B2)¹

Before LINDA E. HORNER, SCOTT A. DANIELS, JAMES A. TARTAL,
and SCOTT C. MOORE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

ORDER

Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Pro Hac Vice Admission of William P. Nelson
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ This Order addresses similar motions filed in each of the above-captioned proceedings and does not indicate that these proceedings have been joined. We issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. The listing of Judges here does not expand any of the panels. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

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On July 16, 2025, Patent Owner filed motions requesting *pro hac vice* admission of William P. Nelson in each of the above-identified proceedings (collectively “Motions”). Paper 9.² Patent Owner also submitted Declarations from Mr. Nelson in support of the Motions (collectively “Declarations”). Ex. 2010.³ Patent Owner attests that Petitioner does not oppose the Motions. Paper 9, 1. For the reasons provided below, Patent Owner’s Motions are *granted*.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1), 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. In authorizing a motion for *pro hac vice* admission, the Board requires the moving party to provide a statement of facts showing there is good cause for the Board to recognize counsel *pro hac vice* and an affidavit or declaration of the individual seeking to appear in the proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1); *Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (Paper 7) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

² For purposes of expediency, we cite to Papers filed in IPR2025-00708. Patent Owner filed similar Motions in IPR2025-00709 (Paper 8), IPR2025-00710 (Paper 7), IPR2025-00711 (Paper 7), IPR2025-00712 (Paper 8), and IPR2025-00713 (Paper 7).

³ We cite to Exhibits filed in IPR2025-00708. Patent Owner filed similar Declarations in IPR2025-00709 (Ex. 2001), IPR2025-00710 (Ex. 2001), IPR2025-00711 (Ex. 2010), IPR2025-00712 (Ex. 2009), and IPR2025-00713 (Ex. 2010).

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Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Mr. Nelson has sufficient qualifications to represent Patent Owner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and legal familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. See Ex. 2010. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Nelson. Mr. Nelson will be permitted to serve as back-up counsel only. See 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c)(1).

We note that Patent Owner filed a Power of Attorney including Mr. Nelson in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(b). IPR2025-00708, Paper 5; IPR2025-00709, Paper 5; IPR2025-00710, Paper 4; IPR2025-00711, Paper 4; IPR2025-00712, Paper 5; IPR2025-00713, Paper 4. Patent Owner has also filed Mandatory Notices identifying Mr. Nelson as back-up counsel in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(b)(3). IPR2025-00708, Paper 4, 2; IPR2025-00709, Paper 4, 2; IPR2025-00710, Paper 3, 2; IPR2025-00711, Paper 3, 2; IPR2025-00712, Paper 4, 2; IPR2025-00713, Paper 3, 2.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of William P. Nelson are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Patent Owner is to continue to have a registered practitioner represent it as lead counsel for the above-identified proceedings;

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FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Nelson is authorized to represent Patent Owner as back-up counsel only in the above-identified proceedings;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Nelson be familiar with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Consolidated Trial Practice Guide⁴ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and comply with the Board's Rules of Practice for Trials, as set forth in Part 42 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Nelson is subject to the Office's disciplinary jurisdiction under 37 C.F.R. § 11.19(a), and the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 *et seq.*

⁴ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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