

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GEOTAB INC. and GEOTAB USA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

FRACTUS, S.A.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00928 (Patent 8,456,365 B2)
IPR2025-00929 (Patent 8,810,458 B2)
IPR2025-01026 (Patent 11,031,677 B2)
IPR2025-01027 (Patent 11,349,200 B2)¹

Before JAMESON LEE, KEVIN C. TROCK, JOHN A. HUDALLA, and
STEVEN M. AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motions for
Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Larry L. Shatzer
37 C.F.R. § 42.10

¹ The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate joinder of cases or an expanded panel for any case. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission from the Board.

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On September 8, 2025, Fractus, S.A. (“Patent Owner”) filed motions for *pro hac vice* Admission of Larry L. Shatzer in each of the above-identified proceedings. Paper 10 (collectively “the Motions” or “Mot.”).² The Motions in each case are supported by a Declaration of Mr. Shatzer. Ex. 2009 (collectively “Declarations”). Petitioner has not filed an opposition to any of the Motions.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.10(c), we may recognize counsel *pro hac vice* during a proceeding upon a showing of good cause. 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 Unified Patents, Inc. v. Parallel Iron, LLC*, IPR2013-00639, Paper 7 (PTAB Oct. 15, 2013) (representative “Order – Authorizing Motion for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission”).

Based on the facts set forth in the Motions and the accompanying Declarations, we conclude that Mr. Shatzer has sufficient legal and technical qualifications to represent Patent Owner in these proceedings, has demonstrated sufficient litigation experience and familiarity with the subject matter of these proceedings, and meets all other requirements for admission *pro hac vice*. *See* Declarations ¶¶ 1–10. Accordingly, Patent Owner has established good cause for *pro hac vice* admission of Mr. Shatzer.

² For expediency, we refer to Paper and Exhibit numbers filed in IPR2025-00928. Similar Papers and Exhibits were filed in IPR2025-00929, IPR2025-01026, and IPR2025-01027.

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Upon review of the record before us, we note that Patent Owner has filed a Power of Attorney identifying Mr. Shatzer in each case. Paper 12. We also note that Patent Owner's mandatory notices identify Mr. Shatzer as back-up counsel in each proceeding. Paper 4, 2.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions for *pro hac vice* admission of Larry L. Shatzer are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shatzer will be authorized to act only as back-up counsel in the above-identified proceedings;

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

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Shatzer be familiar with the Consolidated Trial Practice Guide³ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), and 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. Shatzer shall be 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.*

³ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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