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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: January 17, 2012

Opposition No. 91202163

Hello-Somebody, Inc.

v.

Ben Pirtle

Yong Oh (Richard) Kim, Interlocutory Attorney:

On November 28, 2011, applicant's counsel filed a motion to withdraw as counsel of record in this case. The motion is hereby **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** because it fails to comply with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40.

Specifically, the motion does not include one or more of the following requirements: (1) a specification of the basis for the request; (2) a statement that the practitioner has notified the client of his or her desire to withdraw from employment, and has allowed time for employment of another practitioner; (3) a statement that all papers and property that relate to the proceeding and to which the client is entitled have been delivered to the client; (4) if any part of a fee paid in advance has not been earned, a statement that

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the unearned part has been refunded; and (5) proof of service of the request upon the client and upon every other party to the proceeding. See Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40, 37 CFR § 10.40. Cf. *In re Legendary Inc.*, 26 USPQ2d 1478 (Comm'r 1992).

In view thereof, counsel is allowed **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to submit a motion which complies with Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40.

Except to the extent indicated above, proceedings are **SUSPENDED**. The parties will be notified by the Board when proceedings are resumed, and appropriate dates will be rescheduled in due course.

A copy of this order has been sent to all persons listed below.

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