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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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Appeal No:	2022-000846
Appellant:	Athanasios Katsamanis et al.
Application No:	16/441,521
Hearing Docket:	Electrical
Hearing Date:	Thursday June 23, 2022
Hearing Time:	1:00 PM ET
Location:	**Telephonic/Video Hearing**

NOTICE OF HEARING
RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 21 DAYS

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) will hear the above-identified appeal on the date indicated. The hearing will commence at the time set, and as soon as the argument in one appeal concludes, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is 20 minutes, unless additional time is requested and approved before the argument commences. If the application involved in this appeal has been published, the hearing will be open to the public.

Hearing Attendance Confirmation or Waiver

Appellant is required to confirm attendance at the hearing or waive the hearing within 21 days of the mailing date of this notice. Appellant may confirm or waive attendance by completing the "APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING" and returning it to the PTAB.

Options for Hearing Attendance

If Appellant opts to attend the hearing, Appellant may appear by video or by telephone. In Appellant's response to the NOTICE OF HEARING, Appellant should indicate the manner in which Appellant will appear for the hearing.

If Appellant is no longer interested in having a hearing, then Appellant must file a waiver of the hearing with the PTAB. This allows the panel of Administrative Patent Judges assigned to the appeal to act promptly on the appeal without waiting for the hearing date.

If Appellant fails to respond to this NOTICE OF HEARING, the PTAB will issue a decision on the briefs based on the written record.

Telephonic Hearing Attendance

Appellant may participate in a hearing by telephone. Appellant will receive an Order detailing the telephonic hearing instructions.

Video Hearing Attendance

Appellant may participate in a hearing by video. Appellant will receive an Order detailing the video hearing instructions.

Members of the public may request to listen in on this oral hearing. If resources are available, the Board generally expects to grant such requests. If Appellant objects to the Board granting such requests, for example, because confidential information may be discussed, the party must notify the Board by contacting PTABHearings@uspto.gov at least five business days prior to the oral hearing date.

Legal Experience and Advancement Program

The Board has established the "Legal Experience and Advancement Program," or "LEAP," to encourage advocates before the Board to develop their skills and to aid in succession planning for the next generation. The Board defines a LEAP practitioner as a patent agent or attorney having three (3) or fewer substantive oral arguments in any federal tribunal, including PTAB. Whether an argument is "substantive" for purposes of determining whether an advocate qualifies as a LEAP practitioner will be made on a case-by-case basis with considerations to include, for example, the amount of time that the practitioner argued, the circumstances of the argument, and whether the argument concerned the merits or ancillary issues.

Appellants are encouraged to participate in the Board's LEAP program. Appellant may request that a LEAP practitioner participate in the program and conduct at least a portion of the oral argument. In exchange, the Board will grant up to fifteen (15) minutes of additional argument time, depending on the length of the proceeding and the PTAB's hearing schedule. Appellant should submit a request and LEAP verification form no later than at least five (5) business days before the hearing, by email to the Board at PTABHearings@uspto.gov. A combined LEAP Practitioner Request for Oral Hearing Participation and Verification Form is available on the LEAP website, www.uspto.gov/leap.

A LEAP practitioner may conduct the entire oral argument or may share time with other counsel, provided that the LEAP practitioner is offered a meaningful and substantive opportunity to argue before the Board. Appellant has the discretion as to the type and quantity of oral argument that will be conducted by the LEAP practitioner. Moreover, whether the LEAP practitioner conducts the argument in whole or in part, the Board will permit more experienced counsel to provide some assistance to the LEAP practitioner, if necessary, during oral argument, and to clarify any statements on the record before the conclusion of the oral argument. Importantly, the Board does not draw any inference about the importance of a particular issue or issues, or the merits of Appellant's arguments regarding that issue, from the Appellant's decision to have (or not to have) a LEAP practitioner argue.

In instances where an advocate does not meet the LEAP eligibility requirements, due to the number of "substantive" oral hearing arguments, but nonetheless has a basis for considering themselves to be in the category of advocates that this program is intended to assist, the Board encourages argument by such advocates during oral hearings. Even though additional argument time will not be provided in such circumstances, as with LEAP, an Appellant may request to share time with counsel and the Board will permit more experienced counsel to provide some assistance, if

necessary, during oral argument, and to clarify any statements on the record before the conclusion of the oral argument.

As always, all practitioners appearing before the Board shall demonstrate the highest professional standards. All practitioners are expected to have a command of the factual record, the applicable law, and Board procedures, as well as the authority to commit the party they represent. The Board discerns that it is often LEAP practitioners who have the best understanding of the facts of the case and the evidence of record, and the Board encourages their participation. Examples of the issues that a LEAP practitioner may argue include claim construction argument(s), or patentability argument(s) including, e.g., analyses of prior art or objective indicia of non-obviousness.

Special Requests

If Appellant has any special requests related to appearing at the oral hearing, Appellant should inform the PTAB. Special requests may include accommodations for hearing impairments. Additionally, Appellant may assist the PTAB by indicating ways to accommodate the special requests. The PTAB will make every effort to accommodate the special requests in the manner suggested by Appellant.

Submission of Appellant's Demonstratives

If Appellant has any Power Point slides or other demonstratives, they must be provided to the PTAB five (5) days before the hearing date by sending them to PTABHearings@uspto.gov.

Submission of Appellant's Response to the Notice of Hearing*

To return a completed APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING, Appellant may use one of the following transmittal methods:

1. By the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS), available at http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/

2. By USPS first class mail to the PTAB mailing address:

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In all communications relating to this appeal, please identify the appeal number along with the underlying application number.

Questions

For further information about hearings, see 37 CFR § 41.47 and the Hearings section of the PTAB webpage: http://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/patent-trial-and-appeal-board/hearings. Also, for questions, please contact the PTAB Hearings Clerk at 571-272-9797.

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APPELLANT RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING

Appellant responds to the NOTICE OF HEARING in the above-identified appeal.

Hearing Attendance Options (please select one)

( ) I elect a TELEPHONIC hearing.

( ) I elect a VIDEO hearing.

( ) I WAIVE the hearing.

( ) I am requesting to RESCHEDULE the hearing. **A separate paper must be filed.**

Conflicts

To aid the judges assigned to the appeal in determining whether any conflicts exist that may require a recusal, please list the names of any additional person(s) who will be participating in the oral hearing and their affiliation with Appellant.

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If Appellant has any specials requests related to appearing at the oral hearing, please list those requests. Special requests may include accommodations for hearing impairments. For any special request, please indicate any ways that the PTAB may accommodate the special request.

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For any questions regarding Appellant's response to the NOTICE OF HEARING, Appellant may be reached via the contact information provided below.

Typed or Printed Name of Attorney/Agent/Appellant	Registration No.
E-Mail address	Phone number
Signature of Attorney/Agent/Appellant	Date