

NO. 16-0682

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**In the Supreme Court of Texas**

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**In re Andrew Silver,**  
*Relator.*

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM CAUSE No. DC-15-02268  
IN THE 134TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

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**MOTION OF LOUIS J. HOFFMAN FOR ADMISSION**  
***PRO HAC VICE***

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Louis J. Hoffman, an out-of-state attorney, moves the Court for admission *pro hac vice* to appear in this Court as counsel for *amicus curie* National Association of Patent Practitioners, Inc. in this matter. Mr. Hoffman has filed the required form with the Texas Board of Law Examiners and paid the required fee. A copy of the acknowledgement from the BLE is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Movant Louis J. Hoffman is at the Hoffman Patent Firm.

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Mr. Hoffman has not appeared in any cases or causes, in Texas courts, within the past two years:

Under the penalty of perjury, Mr. Hoffman makes the following statements:

(1) Mr. Hoffman is licensed to practice in the states of Arizona (Bar No. 009722) and California (Bar No. 139566) and has been admitted to practice in the following federal courts:

- United States District Court for the District of Arizona
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

(2) Mr. Hoffman has never been disciplined by the bars or any of the courts in which he is admitted to practice. Mr. Hoffman has not been denied admission to the court of any state or any federal court for which he has sought admission.

(3) Additionally, Mr. Hoffman is familiar with the State Bar Act, the State Bar Rules, and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct governing the

conduct of members of the State Bar of Texas. He agrees to abide by and comply with these rules if admitted *pro hac vice*.

In this case, Mr. Hoffman will be associated with Shawn Blackburn,  
(Texas Bar No. 24089989)

Mr. Blackburn's contact information is:

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A separate motion of Mr. Blackburn in support of this motion is being filed concurrently with this motion.

Therefore, Movant Louis J. Hoffman requests that the Court grant him permission to appear *pro hac vice* as counsel for *amicus curiae* National Association of Patent Practitioners, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Louis J. Hoffman  
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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I hereby certify that counsel for National Association of Patent Practitioners, Inc. has conferred with counsel for Relator and counsel for Real-Party-in-Interest and that counsel for all parties have indicated that they are not opposed to this motion.

/s/ Louis J. Hoffman

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 24, 2017 a true and correct copy of this brief was served on the following counsel of record through an authorized electronic service provider:

Counsel for Petitioners and  
Respondents

/s/ Louis J. Hoffman

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# Board of Law Examiners

Appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas

February 16, 2017

Louis J. Hoffman

Via: E-Mail

Acknowledgment Letter

Non-Resident Attorney Fee

According to Texas Government Code §82.0361, "a nonresident attorney requesting permission to participate in proceedings in a court in this state shall pay a fee of \$250 for each case in which the attorney is requesting to participate."

**This Acknowledgement Letter serves as proof that the Board of Law Examiners has received \$250 in connection with the following matter:**

**Non-resident attorney: Louis J. Hoffman**

**Case: 16-0682**

**Texas court or body: Supreme Court of Texas**

After satisfying the fee requirement, a non-resident attorney shall file a motion in the Texas court or body in which the non-resident attorney is requesting permission to appear. The motion shall contain the information and statements required by Rule XIX(a) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas. The motion must be accompanied by this Acknowledgment Letter and by a motion from a resident practicing Texas attorney that contains the statements required by Rule XIX(b).

The decision to grant or deny a non-resident attorney's motion for permission to participate in the proceedings in a particular cause is made by the Texas court or body in which it is filed.

For more information, please see Rule XIX of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas and §82.0361, of the Texas Government Code, which can be found on the Board's website.

Signed,



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