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SHOW CAUSE ORDER

Dear Ms. Chen:

This letter is to inform you that, for the reasons set forth below, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") is considering excluding you from participation as a correspondent, domestic representative, and/or signatory in any trademark applications and registrations before the USPTO.

The USPTO has no information that you are an attorney licensed in any of the fifty States or the District of Columbia. You have admitted to the USPTO that you are not an attorney. Preparation and prosecution of trademark applications before the USPTO is considered the practice of law. *See* 37 CFR §§ 11.5(b)(2) and 11.14(d); *People v. Corbin*, 82 P.3d 373, 375 (Colo. 2003); *see also Statewide Grievance Committee v. Goldstein*, 1996 WL 753092 (Conn. Super. Ct. 1996).

The USPTO records indicate that you have been involved in more than 45 trademark applications or registrations. Specifically, all of the above-mentioned applications, which belong to various entities and individuals other than you, list your e-mail address as the correspondence e-mail address. Eighteen (18) of the applications and registrations list an e-mail address of uspto@tbipa.com.tw. Domain registration documentation demonstrates that the domain tbipa.com.tw is registered to you. Your contact e-mail address for purposes of the domain registration is taiwan.ipo@msa.hinet.net. There are twenty-nine (29) trademark applications or registrations that list this taiwan.ipo@msa.hinet.net e-mail address as the

correspondence e-mail address. All of the trademark applications or registrations that list one of your two e-mail addresses for correspondence also list a physical correspondence address of either PO Box 44-2049 in Taipei City, Taiwan or PO Box 96-556 in Taipei City, Taiwan. You have personally responded to USPTO correspondence sent to PO Box 44-2049 in Taipei City. All of the fees that were paid by credit card in the above-mentioned registrations were paid by you or your husband. Although one of the trademark applicants in the above applications is located in Ireland, his application was submitted from Taiwan, where you are located. All of the relevant trademark applicants also appear to have submitted patent applications listing the same correspondence address. A list of relevant trademark applications and registrations is attached.

The circumstances suggest that you are preparing and filing documents with the USPTO in trademark applications and/or registrations or are otherwise acting on behalf of trademark applicants and/or registrants in connection with the attached applications and/or registrations. If so, these actions may constitute the unauthorized practice of trademark law before the USPTO. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.17(a), 11.5(b)(2), 11.14; Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (“TMEP”) §§ 602 and 608. Please note that only a licensed attorney is authorized to represent an applicant or registrant in trademark matters before the USPTO. 37 C.F.R. § 11.14(a). Individuals who are not attorneys are not recognized to practice before the USPTO in trademark matters. 37 C.F.R. § 11.14(b); *see also* TMEP § 602.01. You have admitted to the USPTO that you are not an attorney, and therefore you are not an authorized signatory of the trademark applicants or registrants as required under 37 C.F.R. § 2.193(e).

Under 35 U.S.C. § 3(b)(2)(A), the Commissioner for Trademarks possesses the authority to manage and direct all aspects of the activities of the USPTO that affect the administration of trademark operations. This broad authority includes the authority to exclude a person from serving as a correspondent or domestic representative before the USPTO, where appropriate. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 3(b)(2)(A).

Therefore, you are hereby required to show cause why the USPTO should not: (1) cease acceptance of any filings in trademark applications or registrations from you; (2) cease use of your contact information as a correspondent or domestic representative; and (3) prohibit participation by you as a correspondent, domestic representative, or signatory in any trademark applications or registrations before the USPTO. Any such showing should include evidence for each case that demonstrates the legitimacy of using your signature and/or correspondence information for purposes relating to trademark applications or registrations.

Your response must be received at the following address on or before the close of business within **30 days** of the date of this letter. Additional time to respond may be requested.

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Failure to deliver a response on or before the end of the 30-day period will result in the aforementioned actions by the USPTO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Boney Dentson".

Mary Boney Dentson  
Commissioner for Trademarks