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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

GEPING LIU, ET AL.,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 JANET NAPOLITANO, SECRETARY OF)
 THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND)
 SECURITY, ET AL.,)
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 Defendants.)
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Case No.: C 11-01071 PSG

**ORDER DENYING APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION OF ATTORNEY
JESSICA MENG TO APPEAR *PRO HAC
VICE***

Jessica Y. Meng (“Meng”) applies to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned action. In her application, she states that she is admitted in the State of Missouri and she designates herself as co-counsel. Meng’s office address is located in Santa Clara, California.

Defendants oppose the application. Specifically, Defendants note that Meng’s place of business is located in California.

Civ. L.R. 11-3(b) states:

Unless authorized by an Act of Congress or by an order of the assigned judge, an applicant is not eligible for permission to practice *pro hac vice* if the applicant: (i) resides in the State of California; or (ii) is regularly engaged in the practice of law in the State of California. This disqualification shall not be applicable if the *pro hac vice* applicant (i) has been a resident of California for less than one year; (ii) has registered with, and completed all required applications for admission to, the State Bar of California; and (iii) has officially registered to take or is awaiting his or her results from the California State Bar exam.

1 As an initial matter, Meng improperly lists herself as co-counsel in the application. Civ. L.R.
2 11-3(a)(3) requires that co-counsel be a member of the bar of this Court in good standing and who
3 maintains an office within the State of California. Next, based on the location of her office, Meng
4 appears to both reside in the State of California and be regularly engaged in the practice of law in the
5 State of California. Finally, Meng offers no evidence that she has been a resident of California for
6 less than one year, has registered for admission to the State Bar of California, or has taken any steps
7 to sit for the California State Bar exam. Accordingly, Meng has not fulfilled the necessary
8 requirements to complete her application and she is disqualified from *pro hac vice* appearance.
9 Meng's application is therefore DENIED. Plaintiffs shall file, no later than April 21, 2011, a
10 substitution of attorney appointing new counsel or stating that they intend to represent themselves.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.



12 Dated: March 21, 2011

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14 PAUL S. GREWAL
15 United States Magistrate Judge
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