



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0355

November 27, 2024

Roman Rybak

CLAIMANT

v.

Bohdana Stepanenko

RESPONDENT

## ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board finds that your claim does not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations. The claim cannot move forward unless it is amended.

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file an amended claim by **December 27, 2024**. If you do not, the Board must dismiss your claim without prejudice, although you may file again in the future before the Board or in federal court. If you file an amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B).

To make your amended claim compliant, you must resolve the issues identified below. 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(c)(2). If you cannot truthfully correct the errors below, you should not file an amended claim. You may also choose to correct or edit any errors or other information in your claim before you file it again. You do not need to provide a legal argument in your claim – just a statement of facts and circumstances. Being specific in your description gives the other party and the Board more information about your claim. There is no character limit, so please be as detailed as possible.

### Foreign Respondent

The Board cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). The claim must include the respondent's mailing address. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(6).

In the claim form, you list "Street Klenova 16, SUMY, MN 40009" as the respondent's address. However, Sumy is in Ukraine, not Minnesota (MN). Within the United States, 40009 is not a zip code not in Minnesota but in Kentucky; however, 40009 is also a postal code in the city of Sumy in Ukraine. Elsewhere in the claim form, you list your own address in Sumy, Ukraine, with 40009 as the postal code. Because the respondent appears to be a foreign resident based on this information, the Board may not have jurisdiction to hear your claim.

If you file an amended claim, it must include additional information to address these discrepancies and show that the respondent resides in the United States. You must correct the address in the "Respondent" section, or provide additional information in the "Describe the infringement" section of the claim detailing why you believe that the address you supplied is correct and appropriate for a claim before the Board. **You should only amend the claim if you are raising it against an individual or entity residing in the United States.**

Because the respondent appears to be a foreign resident, we have not reviewed the remainder of your claim to determine whether it complies in other respects with the legal and formal requirements for a claim before the Board. If you submit an amended claim that the Board may hear, with a valid address for the respondent within the United States, then the Board will engage in a full compliance review, so you should review the [CCB Handbook](#), including the [Starting an Infringement Claim](#) and [Starting a Misrepresentation Claim](#) chapters, and make sure the rest of your amended claim is compliant.

To submit an amended claim, log into your eCCB account and take the following steps:

1. From your dashboard, click the “**Amend claim**” button and select your docket number from the dropdown list.
2. Your claim will unlock for editing. The information you originally entered will appear in the same order as in your original claim.
3. Make the necessary edits. If you have filed supplemental documents, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim on the “**Documentation**” page. Please include only documents directly related to your claim, and label them clearly.
4. Once you have completed your edits, continue to click through the fillable claim form until you reach the “**Review**” page. The Review page includes all the information that you have provided in the claim up to this point. Carefully double-check the information on this page. If you have any corrections, you can select “**Edit**” to revise any entries necessary. Each section of information has an “**Edit**” button, which will take you back to that section so you can make changes. After you make changes, you can click “**Save & review**” to return to the Review page. Please review your claim carefully. Once you submit your amended claim, you will be unable to edit the claim while it is in compliance review.
5. Once you have completed your review and any revisions, you must confirm that the information in your claim is accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge. To complete the declaration, type your full name into the “**Digital signature**” box near the bottom of the “**Review filing**” page and click “**Agree & submit.**”

If you have questions, please contact [asktheboard@ccb.gov](mailto:asktheboard@ccb.gov). Include your docket number in the subject line. The Board is unable to provide legal advice. We can only provide legal information and assistance concerning Board procedures and requirements. If you would like to seek further guidance from a lawyer or a law student at reduced or no cost, please visit the [Pro Bono Assistance](#) page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the [Compliance Review](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.