

Docket number: 22-CCB-0198

United States Copyright Claims Board

Rebecca Wang	V	Amazon
CLAIMANT	,.	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 9, 2022**. 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 extra 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). 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.

Misrepresentation Claim - Proper Respondent

You are bringing a claim of misrepresentation in connection with a takedown notice or counter-notice under 17 U.S.C. § 512(f). Your claim must make enough factual allegations to support each "element" of the claim. The elements of a misrepresentation claim are that:

- 1. The respondent sent an online service provider either
 - a. a takedown notice claiming online content or activity was infringing, or
 - a counter-notice denying infringement and claiming the online content was removed or disabled due to a mistake or a misidentification,
- 2. The respondent made a misrepresentation (a false or incorrect statement of fact) in the takedown notice or counter-notice,
- 3. The respondent knew the misrepresentation was false or incorrect,
- 4. The misrepresentation was important to the online service provider's decision to take down or repost the content,
- 5. The online service provider relied on the misrepresentation, and
- 6. You were harmed as a result.

17 U.S.C. § 512(f). Your claim is not compliant because it provides conflicting information about which entity or individual made a misrepresentation in a takedown notice or counter-notice to an online service provider. A misrepresentation claim must allege a misrepresentation made by the respondent. In your claim, you name Amazon as the respondent; however, when asked to identify the sender of the counter-notice you name Hongyan Pu.

If you believe that the named respondent (Amazon) was responsible for *sending* the counter-notice, you may file an amended claim that includes factual allegations that explain in what way the named respondent made a misrepresentation. If a different person, such as Hongyan Pu, made the misrepresentation, then Amazon would not be a proper respondent. You must remove Amazon as a respondent and either assert an amended misrepresentation claim against the proper respondent when you submit an amended claim, or you can submit a new claim against the proper respondent. A proper respondent for a claim before the Board is an individual or entity that resides in the United States and is not a state or governmental entity.

More information about the elements required to assert a claim of misrepresentation is available in the <u>Starting a Misrepresentation Claim</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook.

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 your claim included supplementary documents, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim on the "Documentation" page. Please include only documents that are directly related to your claim.
- 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. 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. You may also refer to the compliance Review chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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