**Docket number:** 25-CCB-0134

June 13, 2025

Keith F. Bell	V	Larry A. McKenzie	
CLAIMANT		RESPONDENT	

## SECOND ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

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

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file a second amended claim by **June 14, 2025**. 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. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. If you file a second amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. However, if your second amended claim also is found not to comply, the Board will dismiss the proceeding without prejudice. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B); 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(d).

To make your second 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 amended 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.

## **Statute of Limitations**

A "statute of limitations" is a time limit set by law for starting a claim. The statute of limitations period for copyright claims, both in federal court and the Board, is three years after the claim "accrues." 17 U.S.C. §§ 507(b) & 1504(b)(1). A claim for copyright infringement accrues when the infringing act occurs, or when the claimant discovers, or reasonably should have discovered, the infringement. See Starz Entertainment LLC v. MGM Domestic TV Distrib., LLC, 39 F.4th 1236, 1239-41 (9th Cir. 2022); Motorola Solutions, Inc. v. Hytera Communications Corp., Ltd., 108 F.4th 458, 479 (7th Cir. 2024). A proceeding before the Board cannot be commenced more than three years after the claim accrued. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(b)(1).

As mentioned in the Board's April 29, 2025, Order to Amend Noncompliant claim "if you do not allege any infringing act that occurred or was discovered in the last three years, or give reasons why it was reasonable that you did not discover the claim until the last three years, the claim will be barred by the statute of limitations." In your

amended claim, you state only that "the unauthorized infringing uses of Claimant's IP (Exhibits 4 and 5), found on July 30, 2023, are different derivatives of Claimant's IP that did not come up in previous searches Claimant performed in effort to protect Claimant's IP." Given that you sent a cease and desist letter on Respondent's alleged infringements in 2020, this is not a credible explanation as to why it was not reasonable for you to have discovered the other posts—which were issued in very close proximity to the one you admit you did discover--before April 12, 2022, three years before you filed this claim. Because it appears based on the information you have provided that you would not be able to show that it was reasonable for you to have discovered the additional allegedly infringing acts after April 12, 2022, this claim cannot move forward as filed. You should only file a second amended claim if you include allegations based on new actions taken by the respondents within three years of your filing your original claim (that is on or after April 12, 2022).

## Final Amendment

Your amended claim resolved none, of the compliance issues raised in the April 29, 2025, Order to Amend Noncompliant Claim. This is your third and final opportunity to submit a compliant claim in this proceeding. If your claim remains noncompliant, the entire proceeding will be dismissed. 17 U.S.C. \$ 1506(f)(1)(B).

To submit a second 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 <u>asktheboard@ccb.gov</u>. 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 <u>Pro Bono Assistance</u> page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the <u>Compliance Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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