



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0275
December 17, 2024

Hood Box Office

CLAIMANT

v.

DELONDRIS CAUSEY

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

On September 14, 2024, the claimant filed claim 24-CCB-0275 with the Copyright Claims Board (Board). On September 16, 2024, the Board found this claim compliant and issued a Notice of Compliance and Direction to Serve.

A claimant has 90 days after receiving the Notice of Compliance to file a proof of service or waiver of service form with the Board. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(g); 37 C.F.R. § 222.5(b)(3)(i); 37 C.F.R. § 222.5(c)(5).

On October 31, 2024, the claimant submitted a proof of service indicating that the respondent had been served “by Certified mail in accordance with the state law for serving a summons in Georgia.” However, certified mail is not a valid method of service under Ga. Code Ann. § 9-11-4. Nor is it a valid method of service under 17 U.S. Code § 1506(g). On November 4, 2024, the Board notified the claimant via email of this issue and reminded him of the deadline to submit proper proof of service. On December 1, 2024, the claimant emailed the Board requesting permission to serve by alternative methods and seeking an extension of the service deadline. In response, the Board informed the claimant on December 3, 2024, that the CASE Act does not grant the Board the authority to extend the service deadline or to authorize alternative methods of service, such as service by publication or electronic service. Additionally, the Board does not have the authority to approve service by publication, which requires approval by “the judge or clerk of the court” under Georgia law. Ga. Code Ann. § 9-11-4(f)(1). No further proofs of service were submitted before the service deadline expired.

Therefore, the claimant did not file a valid proof of service or waiver of service form within 90 days. Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes this case. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(v)(1). Dismissal without prejudice means the claimant may raise the allegations again by filing a new claim.

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