

**Docket number:** 24-CCB-0364

December 5, 2024

LAMONTE D SIMS, Lamonte D SIMS, sr	- V	Cash M Jones, Media=Lab.Ai, Youtube (Google LLC)
CLAIMANT		RESPONDENT

## ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board (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 **January 6, 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. 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). 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.

## **Claimant Clarity**

Your claim lists "Lamonte D. Sims, Sr." as a claimant twice. If you file an amended claim, please remove the duplicate entry.

## Copyright Infringement - Elements

You have raised a copyright infringement claim before the Board. Your claim must make enough factual allegations to support each "element" of the claim. Information about the elements required to assert a claim of copyright infringement is available in the <u>Starting an Infringement Claim</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook. The elements of a copyright infringement claim are:

- 1. You own a valid copyright in the work, or have been given an exclusive license to the copyright rights at issue in the work,
- 2. The respondent used one of your exclusive rights in the work without permission,
- 3. The respondent had access to your work, and
- 4. The respondent's work is substantially similar to the original elements of expression in your work.

Your claim does not provide enough clear facts to support the elements of the claim related to the respondents' use of your work without permission. If you file an amended claim, it must include enough details about the elements for the Board and the respondent to understand the facts of the alleged infringement.

## **Infringing Activity – Clarity**

Your amended claim does not present enough facts to clearly state how the respondents used your exclusive rights in the allegedly infringed work.

Copyright law grants exclusive rights to copyright owners. These include the right to reproduce, distribute, and publicly perform the work, and to make a "derivative work," which is a work based on the original work. Someone who does one of those activities without the copyright owner's permission may be infringing the copyright, unless they have a legitimate defense. More information about exclusive rights is available on page 3 of the <u>Starting an Infringement Claim</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook.

You allege that the respondent Cash Jones submitted DMCA takedown notices to MediaLab.Ai (owner of WorldStarHipHop) and YouTube claiming that your video "Wack 100 and the snitch allegations" infringed their copyright. An individual who submits a DMCA takedown notice is not engaging in an activity that you have the exclusive right under copyright to control. Similarly, any act that an online service provider, like YouTube or WorldStarHipHop, takes in response to a takedown, including declining to post or distribute your work, is not an infringement.

You have not alleged any activity to show that the respondents engaged in the reproduction, distribution, public performance, or adaptation of your work without your permission. If you file an amended claim, you will need to show how the respondents engaged in these types of activities.

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

- 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, <u>you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim</u> 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. <u>Once you submit your amended claim, you will be unable to edit the claim while it is in compliance review</u>.
- 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</u> <u>Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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