Docket number: 22-CCB-0036

United States Copyright Claims Board

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CLAIMANT	ν.	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 <u>September 15, 2022</u>. If you do not, the Board must dismiss your claim without prejudice, although you may file again in the future before the CCB 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.

Copyright Infringement Claim - Substantial Similarity

You have brought a copyright infringement claim before the CCB. Your claim must make enough factual allegations to support each "element" of the claim. 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 identical or substantially similar to your work.

Your claim does not explain the similarities between your work and the respondent's allegedly infringing work. It also does not allege how the respondent accessed your work. Your claim describes your work as a photograph and includes a screenshot of a website where the alleged infringement occurred. However, no allegations in the "Describe the infringement" field of the claim form describe your work or the allegedly infringing work, or how they are substantially similar. As a result, the claim does not provide enough information to enable the respondent to understand the claim and respond to it. When you submit an amended claim, it must include allegations that support the element of substantial similarity. You may, but are not required, to include a copy of your work that was subject to the infringement, especially if your claim is that your work and the allegedly infringing work are identical or almost identical. If it is not readily apparent from supplemental materials that are submitted with the claim, you must provide some specific allegations about how your work and the allegedly infringing work are similar. More information about the elements required to assert a claim of copyright infringement is available in the Starting an Infringement Claim chapter of the CCB Handbook.

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.

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. On the "Infringement" page, to add or change factual information about your claim, add your text to the "Describe the infringement" section.
- 4. If your claim included supplementary documents, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim on the "**Documentation**" page.
- 5. Make the necessary edits. Once you have completed your edits, continue to click through the claim flow 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.
- 6. 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 CCB is unable to provide legal advice. We can only provide legal information and assistance concerning CCB procedures and requirements. You may also refer to the compliance Review chapter of the Copyright Claims Board Handbook for more assistance.

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