



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 25-CCB-0030
May 7, 2025

Logan G Rogers, II

CLAIMANT

v.

Keegan M Shawley

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This claim must be dismissed because the Copyright Office refused to register the allegedly infringed work. The claim alleges infringement the “[b]randed materials of the FreedomGamers logo and brand.” Registration for the work was pending as of January 22, 2025, when the claim was filed. On February 5, 2025, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) placed the claim in abeyance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 221.1(b) pending the outcome of the applications for registration of copyright in the works at issue in the proceeding.

On February 14, 2025, Copyright Office notified you by email that registration of the works was refused. In the refusal, the Office stated that the work lacked the authorship necessary to support a copyright claim. “Your work uses a standard logo format in which the initials for the name FreedomGamers, “FG”, are placed in a side-by-side arrangement. A cursive font with various scrolls and flourishes was used to create the lettering. Likewise, the letters also feature a color gradation that moves from blue to white and red from the top to bottom of the initials. Please note copyright does not protect words and short phrases such as names, titles, and slogans; or mere variations of typographic ornamentation, lettering or coloring. See 37 C.F.R. §202.1.” For more information on registration, please refer to the Copyright Office [Registration Portal](#).

The Board must dismiss the proceeding without prejudice when it learns that the application to register an allegedly infringed work has been refused. 17 U.S.C. § 1505(b)(3); 37 C.F.R. § 221.1(b). Therefore, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes Case 23-CCB-0030. Dismissal without prejudice means the claim can be filed again in the future, after submitting a proper application or obtaining registration, provided there is no agreement with the respondent to the contrary.

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