

Docket number: 23-CCB-0263

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CLAIMANTS		RESPONDENT

SECOND ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board finds that your claim, as amended, still does not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations. You have not resolved all of the issues raised in the noncompliance order issued on August 9, 2023. Although your amended claim now includes enough facts to support the misrepresentation claim under 17 U.S.C. § 512(f), your copyright infringement claim is still not compliant because it relies on an invalid service request number for an application for registration for the allegedly infringed work. 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 October 11, 2023. 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.

Copyright Registration

As the noncompliance order issued August 9, 2023 explained:

The Board can only hear a copyright infringement claim if, *before* the claim was filed, (1) the Copyright Office issued a registration certificate for the copyrighted work or (2) the legal or beneficial owner of the copyright applied to register the copyright by delivering a completed application, deposit, and fee to the Copyright Office, and the Copyright Office has not refused the application. 17 U.S.C. § 1505(a).

The claim must include the registration number and effective date of registration or, if the work has not yet been registered, the service request number for a pending application to register the copyright. 37 C.F.R. §§ 221.1(b) & 222.2(c)(7)(ii)(C)-(D).

Your amended claim still provides an invalid service request number, and it does not appear that the allegedly infringed work is registered or that you completed an application for registration before filing this claim on August 7, 2023. As the August 9, 2023 noncompliance order further explained: "If your work was neither registered nor

subject to a complete pending application at that time, this claim cannot be successfully amended and cannot proceed." If you file a second amended claim with the same infringement claim, the entire proceeding will be dismissed, including any misrepresentation claim, unless you list a valid service request number for an application for registration that was complete before August 7, 2023. If you do include a valid service request number, the Board will engage in a full compliance review, so you should review the CCB Handbook and make sure the rest of your second amended claim is compliant. Alternatively, you may file a second amended claim that omits the infringement claim entirely and raises only a compliant misrepresentation claim.

Final Amendment

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, <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. 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.