



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0368
May 2, 2025

Joseph Silvestro

CLAIMANT

v.

Nathan Taylor

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Claimant filed this claim on November 28, 2024. On December 2, 2024, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) placed the claim in abeyance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 221.1(b) pending the outcome of the application for registration of copyright in the works at issue in the proceeding. This claim must be dismissed because the registration application for the allegedly infringed works (“1-14511983578”) was withdrawn.

On January 27, 2025, Claimant called the Copyright Office and inquired about the process for withdrawing the application. On January 30, 2025, the application for registration was withdrawn and the application was closed. See Section 202 of [Chapter 200](#) of the *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition* for additional information about withdrawn copyright applications. For more information on registration, please refer to the Copyright Office [Registration Portal](#).

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). Because these works are no longer subject to a pending application, this claim cannot proceed.

Therefore, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes case 24-CCB-0368. 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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