



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 25-CCB-0177
May 15, 2025

James K Goltz, Mr

CLAIMANT

v.

Richard D Hawkins, Mr

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 **June 16, 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.

Noninfringement Claim – Clarity

You have filed a claim for a declaration of noninfringement, which asks the Board to find that your actions do not amount to an infringement of the respondent’s copyrighted works. If someone has accused you of infringing their copyright, a noninfringement claim requests an official declaration that you did not infringe. Your claim mentions “25-CCB-0087,” which is the claim number of *Hawkins v. Goltz*, a pending Board proceeding in which Mr. Hawkins accuses you of infringing two video copyrights.

In the “Work(s) respondent says you have infringed” section of the claim, you are required to list certain information about each work that the respondent alleges that you infringed, if known, including the title of each allegedly infringed work, and its registration number or the service request number for an application to register the copyright. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(8)(ii). Instead, in that section, you appear to list information about videos you have published that the respondent alleges are infringing. For example, you describe one of the works in that section, titled “Roberts Interview,” as “the source from which [respondent] Hawkins is claiming all the short videos created from it.” For other examples, your entries in that section for two other works (titled “Know Your History: Avoid Getting Lost” and “Story of Shoot out”) include service request numbers for applications to register the copyrights,

and Copyright Office records indicate that you filed those applications, which indicates that you claim to own those copyrights.

To address this issue in an amended claim, you must revise that section to provide the requested information about the works that the respondent claims you infringed, *not about your own works*. You may cite the titles and service request numbers listed in Mr. Hawkins' claim 25-CCB-0087.

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. Make the necessary edits. If you have filed supplemental documents, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim 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 asktheboard@ccb.gov. 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 [Pro Bono Assistance](#) page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the [Compliance Review](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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