COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0375
February 21, 2025

Sankar Sk	*v.*	Alexa
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board issued orders on January 24, 2025 and February 4, 2025 that notified the claimant that the claim and amended claim, respectively, did not comply with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for claims filed before the Board. On February 13, 2025, the claimant filed a second amended claim, which was the final opportunity to file a compliant claim. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B); 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(d). A Copyright Claims Attorney reviewed the second amended claim and determined that the claim is still noncompliant for several reasons: it does not provide facts that indicate that the respondent ever had access to claimant's work, or that any allegedly infringing work is substantially similar to material from claimant's work that copyright protects; erroneously names Alexa as the respondent rather than Amazon; and requests damages far greater than the $30,000 maximum that the Board may award. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(e)(1)(D).

The Copyright Claims Attorney referred the claim to a Copyright Claims Officer to confirm that it does not comply with the applicable requirements and that this proceeding should, therefore, be dismissed without prejudice. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B). The Copyright Claims Officer reviewed the second amended claim and concurs with the finding of noncompliance. Accordingly, the Board dismisses the claim without prejudice and closes this case.

Dismissal without prejudice means that the allegations may be raised again by filing a new claim, if there is no agreement with the respondent to the contrary. If a compliant claim is filed—naming only proper respondents, seeking only permissible remedies, and presenting facts that support access and substantial similarity—the claim may proceed. Information about those topics is available at pages 5-7 and 16-18 of the **Starting an Infringement Claim** chapter of the **CCB Handbook**.

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