**Docket number:** 25-CCB-0108

April 8, 2025

Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC, Ben Camacho
CLAIMANTS

Santa Ana Police Officers Association,

Eleven Public Affairs

RESPONDENTS

## 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 <u>May 8, 2025</u>. 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.

## Copyright Infringement—Legal or Beneficial Ownership

Your claim provides conflicting facts about the claimant's status as a legal or beneficial owner of the allegedly infringed work. To bring a copyright infringement claim before the Board, the claimant must be "the legal or beneficial owner of the exclusive right [in a copyrighted work] at the time of the infringement." 17 U.S.C. § 1504(c)(1). A legal owner is an author of the work who owns the exclusive rights at issue or a person or entity that has received a transfer of those rights, for example, by an assignment or an exclusive license. A beneficial owner is a legal owner who has transferred the rights at issue but retains some of the advantages of ownership, such as the right to receive royalties from the use of the work. A claimant who is not an author or named copyright owner of the allegedly infringed work must provide some specific details or supplemental documents explaining how the claimant owns, or has an exclusive license to use, the exclusive rights at issue.

Your claim lists Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC and Ben Camacho as claimants and provides VA2436939 as the registration number for the allegedly infringed work. A Board search of Copyright Office Records shows that Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC is listed as the copyright claimant of the works. The registration also notes that a transfer in ownership of the work was made from Ben Camacho to Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC. Even though you may

be the owner of Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC, the law considers LLCs to be separate legal entities from the individuals who own them. Because Ben Camacho is not listed as an owner of the work on the registration and you have not included any additional information about his ownership of the copyright rights, your claim may not proceed.

To correct this issue, you can either (1) amend the claim to name only Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC as claimant or (2) leave both parties as claimants if you provide additional information about how the copyright was transferred from, or exclusively licensed by, Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC to Ben Camacho (in his individual capacity).

In the alternative, you can leave both parties as claimants if Ben Camacho Enterprises LLC exclusively licensed or transferred the exclusive rights at issue to Ben Camacho, your amended claim must add additional information to the "Describe the infringement" section of the claim that explains how Ben Camacho (1) obtained ownership of the exclusive rights allegedly infringed, or (2) how the entity was the otherwise the legal or beneficial owner of the exclusive rights at the time of the infringement. You may also choose to include supplemental documentation such as an assignment or license that explains how these rights were transferred to Ben Camacho.

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, <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. You may also refer to the <u>Compliance</u> <u>Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

Copyright Claims Board