



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 23-CCB-0183  
July 6, 2023

Keith Bell

CLAIMANT

v.

American Ranch Horse Association, c/o Mike  
Coblentz

RESPONDENT

## ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims 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 **August 7, 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. 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.

### Work Infringed – Clarity

Your copyright infringement claim must provide enough information for the respondent to understand its allegedly infringing acts. A claim can be unclear if it does not include enough detail. Your claim does not provide enough information about how each of the separate works you have listed was infringed. The claim lists two works that you describe as: (1) a book entitled “Winning Isn’t Normal” (“TX0002672644”) published in 1982 and (2) a book entitled “Winning Isn’t Normal” (“TX0008503571”) published in 2010. It is not clear from the descriptions of the works in the claim what the relationship is between the two works. Copyright Office records for the second work appear to indicate that it may be a derivative work based on the first work. The registration indicates that some text was excluded, and some new text was included in Registration No. TX0008503571. Further, the deposit in Registration No. TX0008503571 does not appear to be a book, but rather a graphic with text against a picture of clouds. It is unclear from the other information included in your claim what differences, if any, exist between the book and the poster. You need to clarify the nature of each work as well as what the respondent copied from each work, as well as whether the matter that was copied was included in both works. If any new text in that work was infringed.

To correct this issue, please correct the description for the “Winning Isn’t Normal” (“TX0008503571”) in the “Works infringed” section and include more information in the “Describe the infringement” section of the claim describing each work and how each work was allegedly infringed. In the alternative, if only one work was infringed, you may remove the other work from the claim.

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](mailto: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.

Copyright Claims Attorney