



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 22-CCB-0004
June 23, 2023

Jeffrey B. Sedlik

CLAIMANT

v.

John Prepolec

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

The Copyright Claims Board (Board) received a Notice of Settlement and Joint Request for Dismissal Without Prejudice on May 26, 2023. The Board dismisses the claim without prejudice. 37 C.F.R. § 222.17(h). Dismissal without prejudice means the claim can be filed again in the future provided there is no agreement with respondent(s) to the contrary.

The joint request included a request to “redesignate the ‘Document Access’ level for all documents on the docket for the aforementioned case to ‘Restricted,’ unless prohibited by law.” Party submissions to the Board are part of the official public record of the proceeding. Those submissions have already been available to the public on the Board docket, starting with the filing of the claim on June 16, 2022. There is a “strong presumption in favor of access to court records,” *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003), and it applies “even when the case is pending before judgment, or resolved by settlement.” *Bernstein v. Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP*, 814 F.3d 132, 140 (2d Cir. 2016); *accord IDT Corp. v. eBay, Inc.*, 709 F.3d 1220, 1223 (8th Cir. 2013). The Board therefore denies the request to restrict public access to the party filings and closes case 22-CCB-0004.

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