



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 22-CCB-0234

## United States Copyright Claims Board

Irelands, LLC

CLAIMANT

v.

OA Publishing London

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 **December 15, 2022**. 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 issue 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.

#### Respondent Address / Foreign Respondent

The claim must include the respondent's mailing address, unless you certify that the address is unknown and that you have a good-faith belief that the statute of limitations is likely to expire within 30 days after the claim is filed. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(6). Your claim lists a mailing address of 9 Rue Henri Dunant, Algiers, AL 16000 for the respondent. That address is facially inaccurate. There is no city or town in Alabama called Algiers, and 16000 is a zip code in Pennsylvania, not Alabama. 9 Rue Henri Dunant appears to be an address in Algiers, Algeria, that does have an Algiers postal code of 16000. As noted on eCCB, and at pages 5 and 6 of the [Compliance Review](#) chapter in the CCB Handbook, the Board cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). You should only amend your claim if you are raising it against an individual or entity residing in the United States.

#### Copyright Infringement Claim – Registration

The Board can only hear a copyright infringement claim if, before the claim was filed, (1) the Copyright Office issued a registration certificate for the copyrighted work or (2) the legal or beneficial owner of the copyright applied to register the copyright by delivering a completed application, deposit, and fee to the Copyright Office, and the Copyright Office has not refused the application. 17 U.S.C. § 1505(a). Your claim does not identify a valid registration or a pending registration application for the allegedly infringed work.

Your claim describes the allegedly infringed work as a literary work “[o]utlining the history and culture of Ireland,” titled “Irelands Info,” and alleges that the Copyright Office registered the copyright for that work with registration number VAU000194983, with an effective date of registration of March 13, 2014. However, a search of Copyright Office records does not reveal a registration for a work with that registration number or a registration issued to claimant Irelands, LLC for a work with that title. The cited registration number, VAU000194983, covers an apparently unrelated work of visual material titled “Browns,” described in the registration records as “Artwork for cue stick,” with an effective date of registration of November 5, 1990.

To address this issue, if you file an amended claim, please provide a valid registration number for the allegedly infringed “Irelands Info” work, or the service request number for a pending application to register the work. Either the registration must have been issued or the application must have been delivered to the Copyright Office before you filed your claim on November 8, 2022. If the work was neither registered nor subject to a pending application on that date, you cannot successfully maintain a claim for infringement of that work in this proceeding. You would need to apply to register the copyright for that work before you could refile a new claim for infringement of that work. For more information about registration, please refer to the Copyright Office [Registration Portal](#). Alternatively, if you correct the respondent's address issue identified above, you could file an amended claim that omits the infringement claim and maintains only the misrepresentation claim.

Because you have filed a claim with a facially inaccurate address for the respondent, which appears to be a foreign resident, and because your infringement claim does not appear to be supported by a valid copyright registration or a pending application to register the copyright for the allegedly infringed work, we have not reviewed the remainder of your infringement and misrepresentation claims to determine whether they comply in other respects with the legal and formal requirements for claims before the Board. If you submit an amended claim that resolves these issues, the Board will engage in a full compliance review, so you should review the [CCB Handbook](#) and make sure the rest of your amended claim is compliant.

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 supplementary 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.
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. You may also refer to the [Compliance Review](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

Copyright Claims Attorney

November 15, 2022