



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 25-CCB-0090

March 25, 2025

Emily Fox

CLAIMANT

v.

Mark A Goodman

RESPONDENT

## 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 **April 24, 2025**. 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.

### Respondent Clarity

It is unclear if you have stated a claim against the correct respondent. In your claim you list “Mark A Goodman” of “Goodman Law Center, P.C.” as respondent, however, in the “Describe the infringement” section of the claim you state that “[t]he respondent, The Cynical Dude, has unlawfully copied and uploaded my video in its entirety to their YouTube channel without my permission.” It appears that Mark A Goodman may be the legal representative of The Cynical Dude and not The Cynical Dude himself.

To assert a claim before the Board, you must include each respondent’s name and mailing address. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(6). If Goodman is not the correct respondent, your amended claim must include the legal name and mailing address for The Cynical Dude. If, on the other hand, Goodman is in fact the correct respondent and his alias is “The Cynical Dude,” please include that information in the claim. Please note that the CCB may not hear claims against persons who reside outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4).

### Relief Sought

In the “Description of harm suffered and relief sought” section of the claim, you state that you are requesting “a

prohibition against any future use of my name, image, or likeness in any form on the respondent's channel or platform" and "[a]n injunction preventing future use, reproduction, or distribution of my copyrighted content, image, or likeness on any of the respondent's platforms."

The Board can only grant relief from activity that is found to be infringing a copyright, not from a violation of the right of publicity involving the use of an individual's likeness or voice. s 17 U.S.C. §§ 1504(e)(1)(A) & 1504(e)(2)(A)(i). You should also be aware that the Board cannot hear claims that amount to defamation or are brought simply because you do not like what the respondent said about you and, even if infringement is found, the Board cannot award damages due to defamatory harm. For example, the Board cannot award damages for emotional harm.

Additionally, the Board is only authorized to grant certain kinds of relief. Unlike a federal court, the Board cannot order a respondent to stop or modify activities (sometimes called an "injunction") unless the respondent notifies the Board that, if found liable for infringement, they will stop or modify the activity. While you can state in your claim that you would like the respondent to agree to stop or modify their activities, you cannot demand it as part of your claim. The Board will only determine the specific questions of whether there was infringement, and if there was, what monetary damages should be awarded based solely on that infringement. More information about the available remedies can be found in the [Damages](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook.

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.

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