



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 23-CCB-0343

November 2, 2023

Jason Dwarika

CLAIMANT

v.

Kenneth Rawls

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 4, 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.

### Clarity – Allegedly Infringed Work

You have brought a copyright infringement claim with unclear allegations about which particular works have been infringed. In the “Works infringed” section of the claim, you list a single allegedly infringed work titled “Mountain Design Decals,” and you describe the work as “[m]ountain designs for placing on vehicles.” That title and description indicate that multiple works are at issue.

You list the Service Request number of a pending Copyright Office application for registration of the work. Copyright Office records indicate that the application is a Group Registration for Unpublished Works (GRUW) application filed on August 14, 2023, seeking registration for a group of ten works, each with its own title. The claim must include the title of each work that you allege was infringed. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(7)(ii)(A).

It is not clear which of those works in particular are at issue. You allege that the respondent “continues to sell multiple variants of my artwork” and that “six versions of my work . . . are being copied and sold.” It may be that you contend that there have been six infringing derivative variants of one of the designs, or that six of the ten images in the application have been infringed, but it is not clear from the claim. If you file an amended claim, you must clarify these issues so that the Board and the respondent can understand which of your works was infringed.

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