



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0259  
December 6, 2024

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CLAIMANT

v.

alex armstrong

RESPONDENT

## ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

On August 30, 2024, the claimant filed claim 24-CCB-0259 with the Copyright Claims Board (Board). On September 6, 2024, the Board found this claim compliant and issued a Notice of Compliance and Direction to Serve.

A claimant has 90 days after receiving the Notice of Compliance to file a proof of service or waiver of service form with the Board. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(g); 37 C.F.R. § 222.5(b)(3)(i); 37 C.F.R. § 222.5(c)(5).

On December 5, 2024, the claimant filed a proof of service stating he served the respondent by certified mail in accordance with Georgia's rules for service. However, certified mail is not a valid method of service under Ga Code Ann. § 9-11-4 or 17 U.S. Code § 1506(g). On the same day, the Board notified the claimant via email that the service was not valid and informed him that he had until the end of the service window—also expiring that day—to file a valid proof of service. A valid proof of service was not submitted.

Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes this case. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(v)(1). Dismissal without prejudice means the claimant may raise the allegations again by filing a new claim.

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