Docket number: 24-CCB-0101

March 28, 2024

Jaclyn R. Horton	V.	Gaaaays In Spaaace and Dan Deevy
CLAIMANT		RESPONDENTS

SECOND ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board finds that your claim, as amended, still does not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations. The claim cannot move forward unless it is properly amended.

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file a second amended claim by **April 29, 2024**. 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. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. If you file a second amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. However, if your second amended claim also is found not to comply, the Board will dismiss the proceeding without prejudice. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B); 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(d).

To make your second 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.

Substantial Similarity

Your amended claim does not include enough facts that explain the similarities between your works and the respondents' allegedly infringing works. If it is not readily apparent from supplemental documents that are submitted with the claim, you must provide some specific allegations about how the allegedly infringing works are substantially similar or identical to your works.

You allege that "multiple photo galleries" of your works were posted on the respondents' website, and that respondent Dan Deevy "reproduced my work by editing it and adding logos" without permission. However, no allegations in the "Describe the infringement" section describe your works or the allegedly infringing works, or state or show how they are identical or substantially similar. Your amended claim does not indicate how much editing occurred or how much it altered your works. In addition, you have not provided copies of your works or the allegedly infringing works as supplemental documents. Your amended claim includes hyperlinks to sites where you allege infringing material appeared. However, when reviewing claims, the Board will not take into account material

that is solely referred to in hyperlinks and not uploaded as supplemental documents, in part because hyperlinks can lead to material that is no longer available online. As a result, the amended claim still does not provide enough information to enable the respondents to understand the claim and respond to it.

If you submit a second amended claim, it must include allegations that support the element of substantial similarity. Please provide more details and background regarding this element in your second amended claim, including a clear, detailed statement regarding which elements of your works were taken by the respondents in the allegedly infringing works, or documents that are sufficient to show the similarities. If you include copies of the works at issue as supplemental documents, they must be clearly labeled and identified so they can be properly compared to each other.

Final Amendment

Your amended claim resolves some, but not all, of the issues raised in the March 27, 2024 noncompliance order. This is your third and final opportunity to submit a compliant claim. If your claim remains noncompliant, the entire proceeding will be dismissed. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B).

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, <u>you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim</u> 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 <u>asktheboard@ccb.gov</u>. 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 <u>Pro Bono Assistance</u> page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the <u>Compliance</u> <u>Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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