



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 25-CCB-0123

April 17, 2025

Mitchell Rand

CLAIMANT

v.

Bao-Quoc Nguyen

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 **May 19, 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. For example, it appears that the respondent's name is misspelled in the "Respondent" section; if it is misspelled, you should correct it when you file the amended claim.

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.

Access

Your infringement claim does not provide facts about how the respondent had access to your work. "Access" means a reasonable opportunity to view or copy your work before the alleged infringement took place. You allege infringement of a motion picture or audiovisual work that you describe as YouTube content. However, you do not detail how the respondent had a reasonable opportunity to view, hear, or copy your work.

To address this issue, you must file an amended claim with allegations that make access a reasonable possibility, not just hypothetically or theoretically possible. Acceptable allegations of access may include how your work (a) was sent directly to the respondent or a close associate of the respondent; (b) was widely disseminated or was available to the respondent; or (c) is so strikingly similar to the respondent's work(s) that they could not have been created independently.

Alternatively, you can upload copies of your work and the respondent's work(s) if they demonstrate that the works are so strikingly similar that they could not have been created independently. 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.

Substantial Similarity

Your infringement claim also does not include enough facts that explain the similarities between your work and the respondent's allegedly infringing work(s). If it is not readily apparent from supplemental documents that are submitted with the claim, you must provide some specific allegations about how your work and the allegedly infringing work(s) are substantially similar.

You state that the "infringement involves the unauthorized use of my original content." You identify a single YouTube page where you contend infringement occurred, though you also indicate in the "Description of harm suffered and relief sought" section that there are more than one "infringing videos." Your claim does not provide detailed information describing how any allegedly infringing works are substantially similar to your work. For example, you do not indicate how much of your content appeared in any of the respondent's YouTube videos. You also have not provided copies of your work or of any allegedly infringing videos as supplemental documents. As a result, the claim does not provide enough information to enable the respondent to understand the claim and respond to it.

When you submit an amended claim, it must include more factual allegations that support the element of substantial similarity. Please provide more details and background regarding this element in your amended claim, including a clear, detailed statement regarding how many allegedly infringing works are at issue and how much of your work was taken by the respondent in the allegedly infringing work(s), or documents that are sufficient to show the similarities. As discussed above, 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. More information about the elements required to assert a claim of copyright infringement is available in the [Starting an Infringement Claim](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook.

Relief Sought

In the "Description of harm suffered and relief sought" section of the claim, you include requests for forms of relief that the Board cannot grant. Specifically, you "ask for measures to be put in place to prevent future infringements" including the demonetization and removal of respondent's channel, a "possible ban from Youtube platform," and removal of "the infringing videos ... from the platform to prevent further harm."

That is broader relief than the Board would be able to grant, since the Board cannot grant any relief against non-parties such as YouTube. In addition, the Board is only authorized to grant certain kinds of relief against respondents. 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. If you file an amended claim, do not request any relief that the Board cannot grant. More information is available 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. 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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