**Docket number:** 24-CCB-0296 November 21, 2024

Qais Saidi	V	Rami Hozi, Apple	
CLAIMANT	,,	RESPONDENTS	

## 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 **December 23, 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. 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's Address

To assert a claim before the Board you must include each respondent's mailing address. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(6). Your claim does not include Rami Hozi's full address. To address this issue, your amended claim must include the fullmailing address for this respondent. The address must be a United States address of the respondent as the CCB may not hear claims against persons who reside outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). As mentioned in the Board's November 1, 2024, email if you do not know the address of your respondent, section 512(h) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act contains provisions that allow a copyright owner to force an online service provider to reveal identifying information about the user who allegedly infringed the owner's copyright, through the use of a subpoena issued by a federal court at the owner's request. To the extent you do not know and cannot retrieve Rami Hozi's address within thirty days from today, your case will be dismissed without prejudice and you can attempt to file it again when you do know the address

## Copyright Infringement Claim — Online Service Providers

Your November 3, 2024, Request for Leave to Amend Claim indicates that you intend to amend the claim to remove Apple as a respondent, but include a different online service provider as a respondent. Please note that

claims against online service providers must include specific information if you are bringing the claim against the respondent "due to their storage of or referral or linking to infringing material posted by others."

"Safe harbors" in section 512 shield certain online service providers from paying damages for copyright infringement claims if, among other things, the online service providers take steps to quickly remove or disable access to infringing material when a copyright owner notifies them about the infringement through a proper takedown notice. To avoid liability, online service providers must follow procedures specified in section 512 when they receive takedown notices alleging infringement, and counter-notices seeking the re-posting of the allegedly infringing material. In an infringement claim against an online service provider that is eligible for a section 512 safe harbor, the claimant must state facts that indicate that the respondent did not follow those procedures.

You should only include an online service provider as a respondent if you can allege that the online service provider failed to take down third-party material in response to a proper takedown notice. Please visit the <u>section 512 page</u> and the discussion at pages 18-19 of the chapter on <u>Starting an Infringement Claim</u> in the CCB Handbook for additional information about what is required for an infringement claim against an OSP protected by a section 512 safe harbor.

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 Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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