



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0133
May 16, 2024

Jill Sowerby

CLAIMANT

v.

Jill Sowerby, ms

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM AND FINDING ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE MOOT

On May 14, 2024, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) issued an Order to Amend Noncompliant Claim notifying the claimant that the claim did not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations and would be dismissed unless an amended claim was filed by June 13, 2024. 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(c)(2).

On May 15, 2024, in an email to Board staff, the claimant requested that the claim be cancelled. Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes case 24-CCB-0133. 37 C.F.R. § 222.17(b).

Dismissal without prejudice means that any allegations that are not barred may be raised again by filing a new claim, unless there is an agreement with the respondent to the contrary. However, as noted in the Order to Amend Noncompliant Claim, and based on communications from the claimant to the Board, it appears that the respondent is located in the United Kingdom, not in the United States. The Board cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). A claim against a foreign resident may be viable in federal court, but not before the Board.

The Board also issued an Order to Show Cause on May 14, 2024. Because the Board is dismissing the claim, the Board need not take any action on the Order to Show Cause because it is moot.

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