



# COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 23-CCB-0183  
September 29, 2023

Keith Bell

CLAIMANT

v.

American Ranch Horse Association, c/o Mike Coblenz,  
Erica Keeney c/o Mike Coblenz

RESPONDENTS

## ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE<sup>p</sup>

Claimant Keith Bell initiated this proceeding against respondents on May 25, 2023. On July 6, 2023, the Copyright Claims Board issued a noncompliance order that notified him that the claim did not comply with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for filings before the Board. [37 C.F.R. § 224.1\(C\)\(2\)](#). Claimant submitted an amended claim on July 14, 2023. The Board again found it noncompliant and issued a second noncompliance order on August 15, 2023 (August 15 Order). On September 11, 2023, claimant submitted a second amended claim, which was their final opportunity to submit a compliant claim. [17 U.S.C. § 1506\(f\)\(1\)\(B\)](#); [37 C.F.R. § 224.1\(d\)](#).

A Copyright Claims Attorney reviewed the second amended claim and concluded that second amended claim resolved the compliance issues raised in the August 15, Order but introduced a new issue. The second amended claim does not include any allegations of infringing activity taken by Erica Keeney, a newly added respondent. Because the claim does not offer any detail about Keeney, their relationship to American Ranch Horse Association, or their use of claimant's work in a way that would infringe any of claimant's exclusive rights, the claim is not compliant.

The Copyright Claims Attorney referred the claim to a Copyright Claims Officer to confirm that it does not comply with the applicable requirements and that this proceeding should, therefore, be dismissed without prejudice. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B). The Copyright Claims Officer reviewed the second amended claim and concurs with the finding of noncompliance.

Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes this case. Dismissal without prejudice means that claimant may raise the allegations again by filing a new claim.

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