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Subject: U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97120385 - DAPHANIE LASHAUNN

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United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97120385

Mark: DAPHANIE LASHAUNN

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Applicant: World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.

Reference/Docket No. N/A

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NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within <u>six months</u> of the issue date below or the application will be <u>abandoned</u>. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

Issue date: August 23, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

SEARCH OF USPTO DATABASE OF MARKS

The trademark examining attorney searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

Consent Required

Consent Required

The applied-for mark includes the name of the following individual(s) applicant(s): "DAPHANIE LASHAUNN." However, this individual(s) did not sign the application and the application does not include a written consent personally signed by this individual(s). To register a mark that consists of or comprises the name of a particular living individual, including a first name, pseudonym, stage name, or nickname, an applicant must provide a written consent personally signed by the named individual. 15 U.S.C. §1052(c); TMEP §8813, 1206.04(a). Consent to registration is presumed only when the particular individual identified in the mark is also the person who signed the application. *Alford Mfg. Co. v. Alfred Elecs.*, 137 USPQ 250, 250 (TTAB 1963), *aff'd*, 333 F.3d 912, 142 USPQ 168 (C.C.P.A. 1964); TMEP §1206.04(b).

Because the individual(s) named in the mark did not sign the application and the application did not include a proper written consent, applicant must provide a statement that the name(s) in the mark identifies a particular living individual(s) and a written consent to register the name(s). *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(c); TMEP §§813.01(a)-(b), 1206.04(a), 1206.05.

A name in a mark identifies a particular living individual if the person bearing the name will be associated with the mark as used on the goods or services because he or she is "publicly connected with the business in which the mark is being used." In re Hoefflin, 97 USPQ2d 1174, 1175-76 (TTAB 2010). A person may be publicly connected with the business in which the mark is being used if he or she is well known in the relevant field of goods or services, is associated in some manner with the entity using the mark (e.g., the named individual is the president of the entity), or is actually connected to the goods or services at issue (e.g., the named individual invented the relevant product). See Krause v. Krause Publ'ns Inc., 76 USPQ2d 1904, 1909-10 (TTAB 2005); In re New John Nissen Mannequins, 227 USPQ 569, 570 (TTAB 1985); Reed v. Bakers Eng'g & Equip. Co., 100 USPQ 196, 199-200 (PTO 1954); **TMEP** §1206.02. The attached evidence from https://prowrestling.fandom.com/wiki/Daphne_Lashaunn shows that a particular living individual bearing the name is associated with the mark and services.

Accordingly, applicant must submit both of the following:

(1)	The following stateme	\mathbf{nt} : "The name(s)	shown in the	mark identifies	s a
living individ	dual(s) whose consent(s)	to register is ma	ade of record."	If the name is	s a
pseudonym,	stage name, or nickname	e, applicant must	provide the fol	lowing stateme	nt:
	" identifies "	", a livin	g individual wl	hose consent is	of
record."					

(2)	\mathbf{A}	written o	conser	nt, perso	nally	signe	ed by	the	named	individ	ual(s)	, as
follows:	"I, "_		",	consent	to	the	use	and	l regis	tration	of	my
name, "		", as a	a trade	mark and	d/or se	ervice	mark	with	the US	PTO."		

For an overview of the requirements for names appearing in marks, and instructions on how to satisfy this requirement using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) response form, see the Name/Portrait/Signature of Particular Living Individual in Mark webpage.

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Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

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- Missing the response deadline to this letter will cause the application to <u>abandon</u>. The response must be received by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or <u>unforeseen circumstances</u> could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond.
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Daphne Lashaunn

EDITTHIS PAGE

English *

Aja Perera (June 9, 1994) is a Brazilian professional wrestling referee and former professional wrestler currently signed to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) under the name Daphne Lashaunn. In SHINE Wrestling she is a former SHINE Nova Champion.

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Professional wrestling career

Early years

Between 2013 and 2015, appearing under the ring name Aja Perera, she debuted as early as October

Daphne Lashaunn

Overview · Gallery



Ring names

Aja Perera Momoe-chan

Aia Smith

Daphne Lashaunn

Height

5 ft 5 in (1.65 m)

Weight

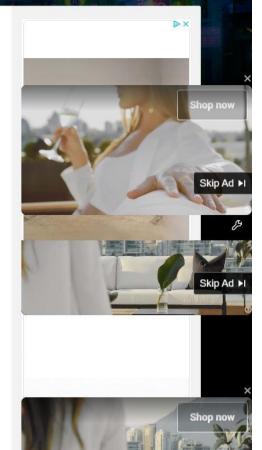
154 lbs (70 kg)

June 9, 1994 (age 28)

Birth Place

Aracaju, Brazil

Resides



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5, 2013 in a event for Platinum Championship
Wrestling called PCW Sacred Ground - Chapter 4 in
a Platinum Royale against opponents Casey
Kincaid, Adrian Armour, Dwight Power, Eric Jones,
Eric Walker, Grundy, Josh Coulter and Sugar Shane.
She then debuted in Peachstate Wrestling Alliance
during a November 30 event, winning her first
singles match defeating Grundy. She returned to
Peachstate Wrestling Alliance the following year on

Athens, Georgia	
Trainer	
Fred Avery	
Jay Fury	



February 1, 2014 at PWA Lethal Rumble, competing in a 20-Man Royal Rumble. On March 22, Perera won her second singles match while in PWA, defeating Ace Haven. The following month on April 5 at PWA/UIW Benefit For Terry Hudgins, Perera challenged for Universal Independent Wrestling's UIW Women's Championship held by Pandora. During her early years, Perera appeared in promotions including Valkyrie Womens Professional Wrestling, Deep Southern Championship Wrestling, Allied Independent Wrestling Federations, Beyond Wrestling, Southern Fried Championship Wrestling, Juggalo Championship Wrestling and NWA Atlanta.

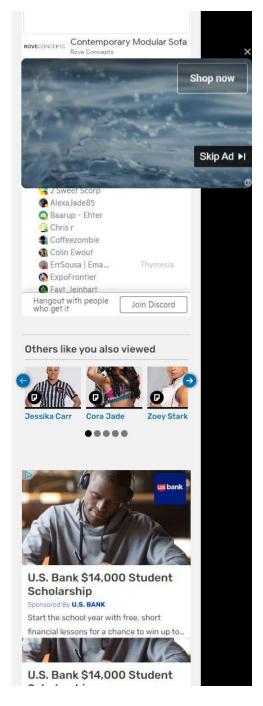
Canadian Wrestling's Elite (2015)

On the September 26 during the second night of the CWE Girls, Girls, Girls Tour event, Perera wrestled twice, first losing a singles match to Bambi Hall before later teaming with Gisele Shaw & Sahara Se7en in a losing tag match against Ashley Frost, Bambi Hall & Kat Von Heez. The following night during the third edition of the event, Perera first wrestled and defeated Kat Von Heez before later teaming with Sahara Se7en in a tag rematch lost to Bambi Hall & Kat Von Heez. For most of her single year in CWE, Perera's singles matches were against opponents Kat Von Heez or Bambi Hall. While in CWE, Perera's constant teammate was Sahara Se7en during all her tag matches. She finished her tenure in CWE on October 3 at the ninth night of the CWE Girls, Girls, Girls Tour event, first losing her singles match against Bambi Hall, before later teaming with Sahara Se7en in a tag match lost to Ashley Frost & Bambi Hall.

Girl Fight (2015-2018)

Perera debuted in Girl Fight on September 20, 2015 at 1CW Girl Fight IV, losing to Heather Owens. She returned the next year on October 18, 2016 at Girl Fight XII, teaming with Raegan Fire in a tag match lost to Amazing Maria & Samantha Heights. Two nights later, Perera returned on October 20 at Girl Fight XIV, losing to Amber O'Neal Gallows.

Lucha Libre Femenil (2015-2016)



Debuting on November 20, Perera competed in the 2015 Copa LLF Tournament, advancing in the quarter final after eliminating Katary. She later advanced in the three-way elimination sem-final after eliminating opponents Angelica and Polly Star. She proceeded to the tournament final during which Perera defeated Nina Monet to win the 2015 Copa LLF Tournament. Perera finished her debut year on December 24 at LLF XV. Aniversario, during which she teamed with Nina Monet in challenging reigning champions Katary & Lady Jaguar for the LLF Tag Team titles but did not succeed in winning the championship. Returning the following year on November 11, Perera competed in the 2016 Copa LLF Tournament, advancing in the quarter finals after eliminating Lady Flammer. She then advanced in the semi-finals after eliminating La Chacala. She later advanced in the finals where she was defeated by Lady Jaguar. During the November 25 edition of LLF, Perera competed in a three-way No. 1 Contendership match for the LLF Championship against opponents Krystal and Lady Flammer.

SHIMMER Women Athletes (2017)

Perera first appeared on July 8, 2017 during Volume 92 in a dark match lost to Kikyo. She returned at Volume 94 during which Perera won a dark match, defeating Laynie Luck.

Queens Of Combat (2017-2018)

Debuting on February 18, 2017 at QOC 17 Perera teamed with Kiera Hogan in entering the QOC Tag Team Championship Tournament, during which Perera and Hogan were eliminated in the first round by Laurel Van Ness & Taeler Hendrix. Later on that same date QOC 18 Perera returned to win a singles match defeating Miss Diss Lexia. On November 26, Perera returned for the QOC Super Show, during which she teamed with Kiera Hogan & Savannah Evans in a tag match lost to Ivory Robyn, Madi Maxx & Renee Michelle. Returning the following year on May 19, 2018 during the first show of the QOC Royalty Returns event, where Perera defeated Ray Lyn, She later returned for the second show, competing in a four-way match against Ray Lyn, Xia Brookside and Angel Rose.

SHINE Wrestling (2017-2019)

Perera debuted on May 12, 2017 at SHINE 42, losing against Dementia D'Rose. Two months later, Perera returned for SHINE 43 competing in the SHINE Nova Championship Tournament, advancing in the first round after eliminating Stormie Lee. Two nights later on July 16 at SHINE 44, Perera was eliminated during the second rounds by Kiera Hogan. On December 16 at SHINE 47, Perera competed in a Survival Rumble No. 1 Contendership match for the SHINE Championship. She later during the event she challenged reigning champion Priscilla Kelly for the SHINE Nova Championship but did not succeed in winning the title.

Perera's next title match was on July 20, 2018 at SHINE 52, teaming with Aerial Monroe under the team name Team SPAM, competing in a four-way elimination tag match against The Twisted Sisterz (Holidead & Thunder Rosa) Las Sicarias (Ivelisse & Mercedes Martinez) and The Cutie Pie Club (Dementia D'Rose & Kiera Hogan) for the SHINE Tag Team Championship. The match concluded with team Twisted Sisterz winning the Tag Team titles. On November 2 at SHINE 54, Perera defeated reigning champion Candy Cartwright to win the SHINE Nova Championship. This marked the first title reign in Perera's career as well as her first title reign in Shine Wrestling.

World Wrestling Entertainment (2020-present)

On February 5, 2020 World Wrestling Entertainment announced they had signed Aja as a referee.

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Personal life

Aja is a Legend of Zelda video game series fan. Her ring attire features a couple of prominent themes from the game including the "Tri Force" symbol (a stack of three golden triangles together) and the "Hylian" crest seen on the shield of the game's protagonist Link. She is engaged to professional wrestler Leon Ruff.

In wrestling

- · Finishers and signature moves
 - · Wheelbarrow Stunner
 - Axe Kick
- Nicknames
 - "Super"
- Managers and valets
- Teams and stables
 - · Team SPAM (w/ Aerial Monroe)
 - Triple Aye (w/ Ayla Fox and Aerial Monroe)

Championships and accomplishments

- Girl Fight Wrestling
 - Girl Fight Championship (1 time)
- · Lucha Libre Femenil
 - Winner of the 2015 Copa LLF Tournament
- SHINE Wrestling
 - SHINE Nova Championship (1 time)
 - SHINE Tag Team Championship (1 time) with Big Swole

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SmackDown

Aliyah - Angel Garza - Ashante Adonis - B-FAB - Baron Corbin - Big E - Butch - Charlotte Flair - Drew Gulak - Drew McIntyre - Erik - Gunther - Humberto Carrillo - Ivar - Jey Uso - Jimmy Uso - Jinder Mahal - Karrion Kross - Kafi Kingston - Lacey Evans - Liv Morgan - Ludwig Kaiser - Mace - Madcap Moss - Mansoor - Naomi - Natalya - Raquel Rodriguez - Ricochet - Rick Boogs - Ridge Holland - Roman Reigns - Ronda Rousey - Samí Zayn - Sasha Banks - Scarlett - Shanky - Shayna Baszler - Sheamus - Shinsuka Nakamura - Shotzi Blackheart - Sonya Deville - Top Dolla - Xavier Moods - Xia Li

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Joe Gacy • Johnny Gargano • Josh Briggs • Julius Creed • Katana Chance • Kayden Carter • Lash Legend • Malik Blade •
Mandy Rose • Nathan Frazer • Nikkita Lyons • Roderick Strong • Roxanne Perez • Ru Feng • Santos Escobar • Sarray •
Tatum Paxley • Tiffany Stratton • Tony D'Angelo • Trick Williams • Valerie Loureda • Valentina Feroz • Von Wagner • Wendy
Choo • Wes Lee • Yulisa Leon • Zack Gibson • Zoey Stark

NXTUR

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Stables & Tag Teams

Alpha Academy • Diamond Mine • Gallus • Hit Row • Imperium • Legado Del Fantasma • Los Lotharios • Pretty Deadly • RK-Bro • Street Profits • The Bloodline • The Dirty Dawgz • The Mysterios • The New Day • The Usos • The Viking Raiders • The Way • Toxic Attraction

Commentators & Interviewers

Alyse Ashton • Byron Saxton • Corey Graves • Jackie Redmond • Jimmy Smith • Kayla Braxton • Kevin Patrick • Marcelo Rodríguez • McKenzie Mitchell • Michael Cole • Nigel McGuinness • Pat McAfee • Sarah Schreiber • Vic Joseph • Wade Barrett

Ring announcers

Alicia Taylor • Mike Rome • Samantha Irvin

Referees

Chad Patton • Charles Robinson • Chip Danning • Dan Engler • Dallas Irvin • Danilo Anfibio • **Daphne Lashaunn** • Darryl Sharma • Derek Sanders • Eddie Orengo • Jason Ayers • Jessika Carr • John Cone • Olympe Margaux • Rich Swift • Rod Zapata • Ryan Tran • Shawn Bennett • Tom Scarborough • Will Charlton



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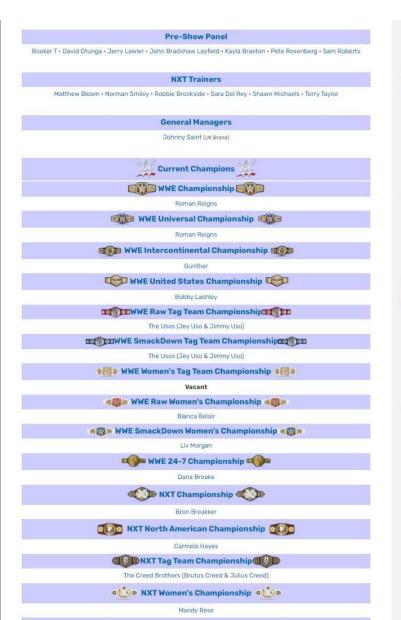


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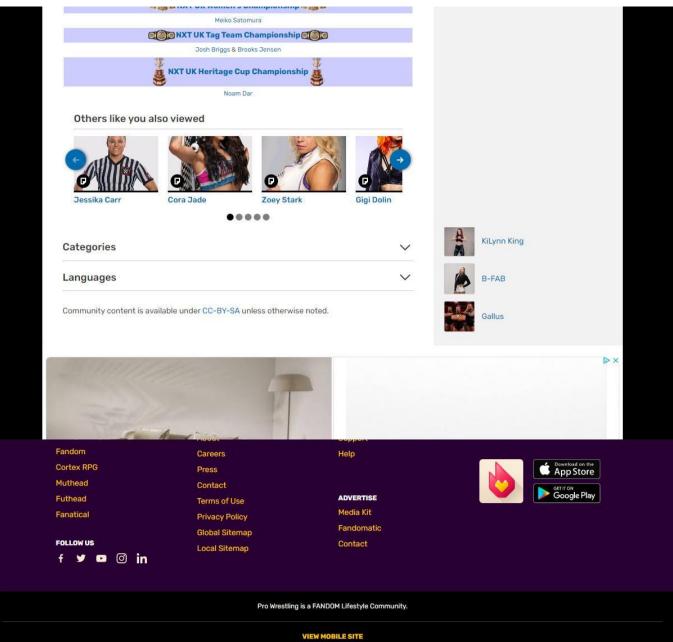


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