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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

SARATOGA BEVERAGE GROUP, INC.

Opposer/Petitioner,

Opposition No. 118,685

~~Cancellation No. 31,411~~

vs.

SARASODA, INC.,

Applicant/Respondent.



12-31-2001

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**OPPOSER'S/PETITIONER'S
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNSEL**

Opposer/Petitioner, Saratoga Beverage Group, Inc. ("Saratoga Beverage"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby responds to the Order, dated November 29, 2001, as follows:

1. On November 26, 2001, the Chief Administrative Trademark Judge of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, granted the Applicant's/Respondent's, Sarasoda, Inc. ("Sarasoda"), motion to disqualify Saratoga Beverage's counsel, the law firm of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahan, PLLC ("Arent Fox").

2. On November 29, 2001 an Order was entered allowing Saratoga Beverage thirty days, or until December 31, 2001, within which to appoint new counsel.

3. Accordingly, in response to the November 29, 2001 Order, Saratoga Beverage hereby appoints the undersigned as its new counsel to replace the law firm of Arent Fox.

4. Additionally, Saratoga Beverage requests that all further communications, pleadings, discovery requests, orders, etc. be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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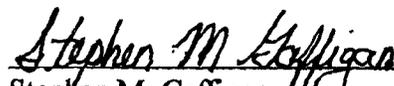
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I hereby certify that this pleading entitled Opposer's/Petitioner's Appointment of Counsel is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, TTAB (No Fee), 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513 on December 31, 2001.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was sent, via First Class U.S. Mail,
to: **Blanche E. Schiller, Esq.**, Counsel for Applicant/Respondent, Heslin & Rothernberg, P.C., 5
Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203, this 31st day of December, 2001.



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