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Opposition No. 91120453

Hearst Communications, Inc.
and Hearst Magazines
Property, Inc.

v.

CHARLES BROWNING WILSON

Jennifer Krisp, Interlocutory Attorney:

Applicant's consented motion, filed August 15, 2008 via ESSTA, to extend testimony periods is noted. Inasmuch as testimony periods have closed, opposer filed its brief on July 25, 2008, and both parties appear desirous of an extension of time in which to file applicant's trial brief and opposer's rebuttal trial brief, if any, the Board construes applicant's consented motion as a motion to extend the remaining briefing periods.

Applicant's consented motion to extend the remaining briefing periods is granted.

The parties shall note that any future motion to extend must properly and accurately request that which the parties seek, otherwise the request may be denied.

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Furthermore, if the ESSTA form does not provide all the criteria for a particular filing, a motion may be attached as a document in PDF format.

Applicant's brief shall be due by October 24, 2008. Subsequent briefing is governed by Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b).

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>