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Opposition No. 91157022

The Wet Seal, Inc.

v.

FD Management, Inc.

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The stipulated protective agreement filed on October 27, 2003 is noted. The parties are referred, as appropriate, to TBMP §§ 416.05 (Signature of Protective Order), 416.06 (Filing Confidential Materials With Board), 416.07 (Handling of Confidential Materials by Board).

The parties are advised that only confidential or trade secret information should be filed pursuant to a stipulated protective agreement. Such an agreement may not be used as a means of circumventing paragraphs (d) and (e) of 37 CFR § 2.27, which provide, in essence, that the file of a published application or issued registration, and all proceedings relating thereto, should otherwise be available for public inspection.