

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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MBA/vw

Mailed: April 4, 2008

Opposition No. 91168906

The American Academy of
Neurology

v.

Brain Matters Inc.

Michael B. Adlin, Interlocutory Attorney:

The motion (filed March 7, 2008)) to withdraw as applicant's counsel of record in this case is hereby denied without prejudice because it fails to comply with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40.

Specifically, the motion does not include one of the following requirements: (1) a specification of the basis for the request; (2) a statement that the practitioner has notified the client of his or her desire to withdraw from employment, and has allowed time for employment of another practitioner; (3) a statement that all papers and property that relate to the proceeding and to which the client is entitled have been delivered to the client; (4) if any part

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of a fee paid in advance has not been earned, a statement that the unearned part has been refunded; and **(5) proof of service of the request upon the client and upon every other party to the proceeding.** See Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40, 37 CFR § 10.40. *Cf. In re Legendary Inc.*, 26 USPQ2d 1478 (Comm'r 1992).

In view thereof, counsel is allowed **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to submit a motion which complies with Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40.

Except to the extent indicated above, proceedings are suspended. The parties will be notified by the Board when proceedings are resumed, and appropriate action will be taken. A copy of this order has been sent to all persons listed below.

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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>