

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Mailed: June 1, 2009

Opposition No. 91173800

Sterling Bank

v.

Sterling Bank and Trust, FSB

Cheryl Goodman, Interlocutory Attorney:

Proceedings were suspended on December 18, 2006 pending consideration by the examining operation of applicant's proposed amendment to the drawing. The amendment has been approved.

The opposition will go forward on the application as amended.

Proceedings are resumed.

Applicant is allowed until THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this order to answer the notice of opposition.

Discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:

DISCOVERY PERIOD TO CLOSE: November 25, 2009

30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: **February 23, 2010**

30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close: **April 24, 2010**

15-day rebuttal testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: **June 8, 2010**

In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

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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>