

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91176496

Outback/Fleming's LLC

v.

Fleming Corporation of Kansas

Millicent Canady, Paralegal

Because the parties are continuing settlement negotiations of this case, proceedings herein are suspended until **six months** from the mailing date of this action.

However, the parties are advised that in order to continue suspension after this period expires, the parties will be expected to report the progress of their settlement to establish good cause for any continued suspension. This report should include: a recitation of issues that have been resolved, issues that remain to be resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall

resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon
the schedule set out below.

Proceedings resume:	11/2/2009
Discovery Period to close:	1/31/2010
30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close:	5/1/2010
30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close:	6/30/2010
15-day rebuttal testimony period to close:	8/14/2010

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 Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.

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>