

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

Mailed: December 5, 2007

Opposition No. 91176791

UMG RECORDINGS, INC.

v.

MATTEL, INC.

Rochelle Ricks, Paralegal Specialist:

Parties' stipulated motion filed November 26, 2007 to extend testimony and trial dates is noted and granted as indicated below.

In view thereof, (since the parties failed to include the counterclaim dates), the trial dates including all counterclaim dates are reset as modified below:¹

The period for discovery to close:	CLOSED
30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff in the opposition to close:	April 1, 2008
30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant in the opposition and plaintiff in the counterclaim to close:	May 31, 2008
30-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff in the opposition and defendant in the counterclaim to close:	July 30, 2008

¹ However, in the future, the parties' consented/stipulated motions to extend discovery and/or testimony periods should include the parties counterclaim dates and comply with the requirement of Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff in the counterclaim to close:

September 13, 2008

**Briefs shall be due as follows:
[See Trademark Rule 2.128(a)(2)].**

Brief for plaintiff in the opposition shall be due:

November 12, 2008

Brief for defendant in the opposition and plaintiff in the counterclaim shall be due:

December 12, 2008

Brief for defendant in the counterclaim and reply brief, if any, for plaintiff in the opposition shall be due:

January 11, 2009

Reply brief, if any, for plaintiff in the counterclaim shall be due:

January 26, 2009

If the parties stipulate to any extension of these dates, the filing should set forth the dates in the format shown in this order. See Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

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

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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>