

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. **91172495**

Sweet People Apparel, Inc.

v.

Stella Cadente Sarl

Opposition No. **91175775**

Opposition No. **91176956**

Stella Cadente Sarl

v.

Sweet People Apparel, Inc.

Cheryl Goodman, Interlocutory Attorney:

The parties' October 2, 2007 stipulation to consolidate the above-identified proceedings is granted.

Accordingly, Opposition Nos. 91172495, 91175775 and 91176956 are hereby consolidated. Although each proceeding retains its separate character, the cases may be presented on the same records and briefs.

The record will be maintained at the Board in Opposition No. 9172495 as the "parent" case. All papers should be filed in the parent case. All filings should include all proceeding numbers in ascending order as part of the style of the case.

The parties are currently negotiating settlement in Opposition No. 91172495, and the parties request that the Board adopt that trial schedule for purposes of the consolidated proceeding.

The parties' request is granted to the extent that consolidated proceedings will remain suspended until November 10, 2007 and discovery in the consolidated proceeding will be set to close on February 8, 2008. However, the trial schedule has been adjusted to reflect the reversed position of the parties in the various opposition proceedings.

Proceedings resume November 10, 2007

THE PERIOD FOR DISCOVERY TO CLOSE: February 8, 2008

30-day testimony period for plaintiff in the opposition no. 91172495 to close: May 8, 2008

30-day testimony period for defendant in opposition no. 91172495 and as plaintiff in opposition nos. 91175775 and 91176956 to close: July 7, 2008

30-day testimony period for defendant in opposition nos. 91175775 and 91176956 and its rebuttal testimony as plaintiff in opposition no. 91172495 to close: September 5, 2008

15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff in opposition nos. 91175775 and 91176956 to close: October 20, 2008

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

Brief for plaintiff in opposition no. 91172495 due: December 19, 2008

Brief for defendant in opposition no. 91172495 and as  
plaintiff in opposition nos. 91175775 and 91176956 due: January 18, 2009

Brief for defendant in the opposition nos. 91175775 and  
91176956 and its reply brief (if any) as plaintiff in  
opposition no. 91172495  
due: February 17, 2009

Reply brief (if any) for plaintiff in the  
opposition nos. 91175775 and 91176956 due: March 4, 2009

Accordingly, consolidated proceedings are currently  
suspended.

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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](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/stdnagmnt.htm>