

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91177036

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

v.

Mjuahid Ahmad

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On February 8, 2008, the Board suspended proceedings pending disposition of applicant's January 31, 2008 motions (1) to amend the basis of the involved application, (2) for summary judgment, and (3) to compel discovery responses. The Board herein clarifies the nature of the suspension.

Proceedings are suspending pending disposition of the motions (1) to amend the basis of the involved application, and (2) for summary judgment. If the Board's decision on the motion for summary judgment does not terminate this proceeding, the Board will reset the time for opposer to file a brief in opposition to applicant's motion to compel.¹

¹ Therefore, opposer should not file a brief in opposition to the motion to compel until such time for briefing is reset.

The parties are reminded that they should not file any paper that is not germane to the motion to amend or for summary judgment. See Trademark Rule 1.127(d). The motions will be decided in due course.

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>