

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91179000

The Cartoon Network, Inc.

v.

Adult Cartoon Network Inc.

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Opposer's motion (filed October 12, 2007) to suspend the opposition proceeding pending final determination of a civil action between the parties is hereby granted as conceded. See Trademark Rules 2.117(a) and 2.127(a). Accordingly, proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties.¹

In view thereof, opposer's motion (filed October 15, 2007) for an extension of time is moot.

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the interested party should notify the Board so that this case may be called up for appropriate action

¹ Civil Action No. 1:07-cv-2415-JEC, styled *The Cartoon Network, Inc., v. Adult Cartoon Network Inc.*, filed October 1, 2007 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division.

(e.g., termination of the proceeding or resetting opposer's time to respond to applicant's outstanding motions). During the suspension period the Board should be notified of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

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>