

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
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MBA

Mailed: July 28, 2008

Opposition No. 91183905

Google Inc.

v.

Eric Watson

Michael B. Adlin, Interlocutory Attorney:

Opposer's motion for leave to file an amended notice of opposition, filed June 25, 2008, is granted. Trademark Rule 2.127(a). The amended notice of opposition attached to the motion is now opposer's operative pleading herein. Respondent is allowed until **August 29, 2008** to file an answer to the amended notice of opposition. Discovery, trial and other dates are reset as follows:

Time to Answer	August 29, 2008
Deadline for Discovery Conference	September 28, 2008
Discovery Opens	September 28, 2008
Initial Disclosures Due	October 28, 2008
Expert Disclosures Due	February 25, 2009
Discovery Closes	March 27, 2009
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	May 11, 2009
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	June 25, 2009
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	July 10, 2009

Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	August 24, 2009
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	September 8, 2009
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	October 8, 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 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>

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