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Opposition No. 91187460

Tyler Perry

v.

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**Elizabeth A. Dunn, Attorney (571-272-4267):**

On January 12, 2009, the Board issued notice of default because no answer to the notice of opposition had been filed. On January 28, 2008, the Board issued an order finding that the answer filed December 20, 2008, but not associated with the Board's proceeding file until after notice of default had issued, was informal and required a new answer.

The Board's proceeding file now includes a complete copy of applicant's December 20, 2008 filing, and the answer included therewith is accepted. The Board's order of January 28, 2009 is vacated with respect to the requirement for a new answer.

Dates remain as reset by the Board's January 28, 2009 order.

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**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](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>