

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91189219

Auburn University

v.

Vintage Base Ball
Federation, LLC

**Robert H. Coggins,
Interlocutory Attorney:**

On March 19, 2009, applicant filed a proposed amendment to its application Serial No. 77441128, with opposer's consent. By the proposed amendment applicant seeks to change the identification of goods in International Class 25

from

Clothing, namely, shirts, pants, T-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeve undershirts, sweaters, baseball uniforms, jerseys, warm-up suits, jogging suits, slacks, sleepwear, nightshirts, jackets, coats, ponchos, raincoats, overalls, capes, ties, suspenders, belts, caps, hats, gloves, scarves, tank tops, blouses, dresses, skirts, underwear, robes, socks, footwear, slippers, vests, aprons, bandanas, and masquerade costumes;

to

Clothing, namely, long sleeve undershirts, baseball uniforms, and baseball jerseys.

Inasmuch as the amendment is clearly limiting in nature as required by Trademark Rule 2.71(a), and because opposer consents thereto, it is approved and entered. See Trademark Rule 2.133(a).

If this resolves the dispute between the parties (as indicated by applicant's motion), opposer is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date of this order to file a withdrawal of the opposition, failing which the opposition will go forward on the application as amended. See Trademark Rule 2.106(c). Proceedings are suspended pending a response from opposer.

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>