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Opposition No. 91205982 (Parent Case)

Opposition No. 91205984 Opposition No. 91210386

Fertitta Hospitality, LLC

v.

Fertitta Business Management LLC

## Veronica P. White, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion, filed February 27, 2017, to further suspend this proceeding for an additional 90-days to accommodate the parties' continued settlement discussions is granted for good cause shown.

Accordingly, proceedings are suspended up to, and including May 29, 2017, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. *See* Trademark Rules 2.117(c), and 2.127(a); and TBMP § 605.02.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys have a change of address or email address, the Board should be so informed. See Trademark Rule 2.18(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the parties are (or during the pendency of this proceeding become) parties to another proceeding involving the subject application/registration, the parties must notify the Board so the Board can consider whether consolidation or suspension of proceedings is appropriate.

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, <u>proceedings shall resume May 30, 2017</u> without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set forth below.

Applicant is allowed until June 29, 2017, in which to answer the notice of opposition. Conferencing, disclosure, discovery, and trial dates are reset as follows:

Time to Answer	6/29/2017
Deadline for Discovery Conference	7/29/2017
Discovery Opens	7/29/2017
Initial Disclosures Due	8/28/2017
Expert Disclosures Due	12/26/2017
Discovery Closes	1/25/2018
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	3/11/2018
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/25/2018
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	5/10/2018
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/24/2018
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	7/9/2018
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	8/8/2018
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	10/7/2018
Defendant's Brief Due	11/6/2018
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	11/21/2018

Generally, the Federal Rules of Evidence apply to Board trials. Trial testimony is taken and introduced out of the presence of the Board during the assigned testimony periods. The parties may stipulate to a wide variety of matters, and many requirements relevant to the trial phase of Board proceedings are set forth in Trademark Rules 2.121 through 2.125. These include pretrial disclosures, the manner and timing of taking testimony, matters in evidence, and the procedures for submitting and serving testimony and other evidence, including affidavits, declarations, deposition transcripts and stipulated evidence. Trial briefs shall be submitted in accordance with

Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). Oral argument at final hearing will be scheduled only upon the timely submission of a separate notice as allowed by Trademark Rule 2.129(a).

As a final matter, the parties are reminded of their continuing obligation to provide a detailed progress report with all future extension and suspension requests filed with the Board. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend will be denied, even if agreed to by the parties.