

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91209867

Mr. Alfred W. Cortese Jr.

v.

Diana P. Nowezki Cortese

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Applicant's consented motion (filed June 2, 2013) to suspend proceedings for settlement negotiations is noted. Such motion was filed after the filing of applicant's answer and prior to the deadline for the parties' discovery conference and indicated that the parties have not held their mandatory discovery conference.

The Board generally does not grant motions to suspend or extend for settlement negotiations that are filed between the filing of an answer and the deadline for the discovery conference "precisely because the discovery conference itself provides an opportunity to discuss settlement." *Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules*, 72 Fed. Reg. 42242, 42245 (Aug. 1, 2007). Applicant

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has not shown that varying from the Board's general practice is warranted in this case.

Accordingly, the motion to suspend is denied. Dates remain as set in the Board's institution order. See Trademark Rule 2.120(a)(2).