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Opposition No. 91221463

The Los Angeles Kings Hockey Club, L.P.

v.

Scott Bartsch

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By order dated May 22, 2015, the Board reset the deadline for filing an answer to the notice of opposition up to, and including, July 22, 2015. By the same order, the Board reset the deadline for the parties' discovery conference for August 21, 2015, as well as all subsequent trial dates accordingly. On July 21, 2015, Applicant filed his answer to the notice of opposition. On August 6, 2015, 2009, Opposer filed a consented motion to suspend these proceedings for thirty days so that the parties may pursue settlement negotiations.

In its announcement of the final rule requiring discovery conferences, the Board stated:

The Board anticipates it will be liberal in granting extensions or suspensions of time to answer, when requested to accommodate settlement talks or submission of the dispute to an arbitrator or mediator. However, if a motion to extend or suspend for settlement talks, arbitration or mediation is not filed prior to answer, then the parties will have to proceed, after the answer is filed,

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to their discovery conference, one point of which is to discuss settlement. It is unlikely the Board will find good cause for a motion to extend or suspend for settlement if the motion is filed after answer but prior to 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)(emphasis added).

Accordingly, inasmuch as Opposer’s consented motion to suspend for settlement negotiations was filed after the filing of Applicant’s answer but prior to the reset deadline for the parties’ discovery conference and because the purpose of the discovery conference is to afford the parties an opportunity to discuss settlement, Opposer’s consented motion to suspend is **DENIED** for a lack of showing of good cause.

Trial dates remain as reset by Board order dated May 22, 2015.