

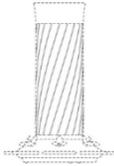
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AKERUE INDUSTRIES LLC d/b/a	)	Opposition No. 91227569
KAY HOME PRODUCTS	)	
	)	Application Serial No. 86/514,627
Opposer,	)	
	)	Mark: Design depicted below
v.	)	
	)	
CLASSIC BRANDS, LLC	)	
	)	
Applicant.	)	

**ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Applicant Classic Brands, LLC (“Applicant”) answers the Notice of Opposition filed by Opposer Akerue Industries LLC d/b/a Kay Home Products (“Opposer”) as follows. To the extent not explicitly admitted, all allegations in the Notice of Opposition are denied.

1. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition.
2. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition.
3. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition.
4. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition.
5. Applicant admits that it seeks registration on the Principal Register under 15 U.S.C. § 1052(f) because the Mark has acquired distinctiveness and is entitled to registration. Applicant denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition.
6. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition.
7. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.
8. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.

9. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.

10. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.

11. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.

12. Applicant lacks information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same.

13. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Notice of Opposition.

14. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 14 of the Notice of Opposition.

15. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 15 of the Notice of Opposition.

16. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 16 of the Notice of Opposition.

17. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 17 of the Notice of Opposition.

18. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 18 of the Notice of Opposition.

19. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 19 of the Notice of Opposition.

20. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 20 of the Notice of Opposition.

21. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 21 of the Notice of Opposition.

22. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 22 of the Notice of Opposition.

23. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 23 of the Notice of Opposition.

24. Applicant admits that it did not submit sworn declarations from customers as evidence of acquired distinctiveness as part of its Application Serial No. 86/514,627. Applicant denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 24 of the Notice of Opposition

25. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 25 of the Notice of Opposition.

26. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 26 of the Notice of Opposition.

27. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 27 of the Notice of Opposition.

28. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 28 of the Notice of Opposition.

29. Applicant admits that it owns U.S. Patent No. RE45,715 and U.S. Patent No. D678,628. The '715 and '628 patents speak for themselves, and Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 29 of the Notice of Opposition to the extent they are inconsistent with or mischaracterize the '715 and '628 patents. Applicant denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 29 of the Notice of Opposition.

30. Applicant admits the allegations of paragraph 30 of the Notice of Opposition.

31. Applicant admits that the invention covered by the '715 Reissue design patent was not in public use or on sale prior to March 28, 2011. Applicant denies any remaining allegations of Paragraph 31 of the Notice of Opposition.

32. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 32 of the Notice of Opposition.

33. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 33 of the Notice of Opposition.

34. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 34 of the Notice of Opposition.

35. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 35 of the Notice of Opposition.

#### **APPLICANT'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

1. Opposer has failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

2. Opposer's claims are barred by the doctrines of laches, waiver, estoppel and unclean hands. Opposer has long been aware of Applicant's use of the design depicted in Application Serial No. 86/514,627. During Opposer's unreasonable delay, the design depicted in Application Serial No. 86/514,627 has acquired distinctiveness and has generated substantial

goodwill for Applicant. Applicant has relied to its detriment on Opposer's failure to object. Opposer's conduct bars Opposer from obtaining relief by its Notice.

3. Applicant reserves the right to rely on all affirmative defenses that become available or appear through discovery in these proceedings, and Applicant reserves the right to amend its Answer and Affirmative Defenses for the purposes of asserting any such affirmative defenses.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests:

1. that the Opposition be dismissed in its entirety;
2. that Applicant be awarded its costs and attorneys' fees; and
3. that Applicant's Application Serial No. 86/514,627 be permitted to proceed to registration.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 5, 2016



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**CERTIFICATE OF ESTTA FILING**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing paper was filed electronically with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board via the ESTTA on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.



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**CERTIFICATE OF MAIL SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service by First Class Mail on August 5, 2016 in an envelope addressed to:

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