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Opposition No. 92032513

STEVEN HYKEN AKA JOHNNY BLAZE

v.

AST SPORTSWEAR, INC.

**Jyll S. Taylor, Attorney:**

Respondent's motion to amend its answer filed March 25, 2002 is hereby granted as uncontested. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Accordingly, respondent's concurrently filed amended answer is now respondent's operative pleading in this case.

Proceedings herein are suspended pending disposition of respondent's motion (filed May 13, 2002) to compel, except as discussed below. The parties should not file any paper which is not germane to the motion to compel. See Trademark Rule 2.120(e)(2), as amended effective October 9, 1998.<sup>1</sup>

This suspension order does **not** toll the time for either party to respond to discovery requests which had been duly

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<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Final Rulemaking published in the *Federal Register* on September 9, 1998 at 63 FR 48081 and in the *Official Gazette* on September 29, 1998 at 1214 TMOG 145. A copy of the recent amendments to the Trademark Rules, as well as the *Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure* (TBMP), is available at <http://www.uspto.gov>.

served prior to the filing of the motion to compel, nor does it toll the time for a party to appear for a discovery deposition which had been duly noticed prior to the filing of the motion to compel. See *Id.* The motion to compel will be decided in due course.