

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Cancellation No. 92044104

Lee's Tackle, Inc.

v.

Taitex Enterprises Co.

**Veronica P. White, Paralegal Specialist:**

Petitioner's consented motion (filed April 11, 2008) to extend discovery and trial dates is granted. Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

The discovery and trial dates are reset in accordance with petitioner's motion.

The Board notes that since March, 2005, the parties have effected numerous extensions or suspensions to accommodate the parties' settlement negotiations, yet no settlement has been reached. In the event that the parties seek further extensions of time or periods of suspension to facilitate any settlement discussions, they will be expected to report to the Board on the progress of their settlement negotiations. Such report must include a recitation of issues that have been resolved, issues that remain to be

resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. **Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend, even though agreed to by the parties, may no be approved.**

**NEWS FROM THE TTAB:**

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>  
[http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242\\_FinalRuleChart.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf)

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>