

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: October 24, 2008

Cancellation No. 92048334

RA Brands, LLC

v.

Robert Austin Burns, Jr.

**Robert H. Coggins,
Interlocutory Attorney:**

On October 17, 2008, respondent's attorneys filed a request to withdraw as respondent's counsel of record in this case. The request to withdraw as counsel is in compliance with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40, and is accordingly granted. The Dungan Law Firm, P.A. no longer represents respondent in this proceeding.

On October 23, 2008, ESTTA, the Board's electronic system, granted plaintiff's motion filed October 23, 2008 to suspend proceedings.

In view of the withdrawal of respondent's counsel, and in accordance with standard Board practice, the Board's October 23, 2008 order is hereby vacated, proceedings herein are suspended, and respondent Robert Austin Burns, Jr., is allowed until **thirty days** from the mailing date of this order to

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appoint new counsel, or to file a paper stating that respondent chooses to represent himself. If respondent files no response, the Board may issue an order to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against respondent based on respondent's apparent loss of interest in the case.

The parties will be notified by the Board when proceedings are resumed, and dates will be rescheduled at the appropriate time.

A copy of this order has been sent to all persons listed below.

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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

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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

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>