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Mailed: July 7, 2009

Cancellation No. 92050200

Game Sportswear, Ltd.

v.

Vandous E. Stripling

Michael B. Adlin, Interlocutory Attorney:

Respondent's filing of July 6, 2009 appears to be a communication intended for petitioner and should not have been filed. In any event, the filing fails to indicate proof of service on petitioner, as required by Trademark Rule 2.119(a), and will therefore be given no consideration.¹ Dates remain as set in the Board's order of March 3, 2009.

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:

¹ To expedite matters, a copy of the filing is enclosed with the mailed copy of this order.

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<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>
