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Cancellation No. 92054956

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v.

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The following is supplemental to the Board's September 10, 2012 order: The parties are allowed until October 10, 2012 to serve responses to any outstanding written discovery requests.¹

Respondents intend to represent themselves herein. While Patent and Trademark Rule 11.14 permits any person to represent himself, it is generally advisable for a person who is not acquainted with the technicalities of the procedural and substantive law involved in an opposition proceeding to secure the services of an attorney who is familiar with such matters. The Patent and Trademark Office cannot aid in the selection of an attorney.

¹ See TBMP Section 414 (3d ed. rev. 2012) regarding the discoverability of various types of information in Board proceedings.

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In this proceeding, the parties should review the Trademark Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP), online at http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/Preface_TBMP.jsp, and the Trademark Rules of Practice, online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/law/tmlaw.pdf>. The Board expects all parties appearing before it, whether or not they are represented by counsel, to comply with the Trademark Rules of Practice and where applicable, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, online at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp>.

Trademark Rules 2.119(a) and (b) state that every paper filed in this proceeding must be served upon the attorney for the other party, or on the party if there is no attorney, and proof of such service must be made before the paper will be considered by the Board. Consequently, copies of all papers which respondents may subsequently file in this proceeding must be accompanied by a signed statement indicating the date and manner in which such service was made, e.g., by mail. The statement, whether attached to or appearing on the paper when filed, will be accepted as prima facie proof of service.