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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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IN RE:
GRADIENT INSURANCE BROKERAGE, INC.

SERIAL NO. **77495209**

APPEAL RECEIVED: **09/28/2009**

BRIEF DUE: **n/a**

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The appeal and appeal fee in the above-entitled application were received on the date indicated above. Applicant indicated that it has filed or is filing today a request for reconsideration of the final refusal to register.¹

¹ A timely request for reconsideration must be filed with the Trademark Examining Operation, and may be filed via TEAS, using the Response to Office Action form. (To maintain their status, TEAS Plus applicants must use TEAS for filing a request for reconsideration.) Applicant should notify the Board immediately if it has not filed a timely request for reconsideration and does not intend to do so.

Accordingly, the appeal is hereby instituted, but action on the appeal is suspended pending the Examining Attorney's consideration of the request for reconsideration.

In the event the refusal of registration is maintained, proceedings will be resumed and applicant will be allowed time in which to file a brief on its appeal.

New Developments at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

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