

## Request for Reconsideration after Final Action

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<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b>	85011816
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<b>MARK SECTION (no change)</b>	
<b>GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION (016)(current)</b>	
<b>INTERNATIONAL CLASS</b>	016
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	
Columns on the subject of weddings and personal relationships	
<b>FILING BASIS</b>	Section 1(a)
<b>FIRST USE ANYWHERE DATE</b>	At least as early as 00/00/1992
<b>FIRST USE IN COMMERCE DATE</b>	At least as early as 00/00/1992
<b>GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION (016)(proposed)</b>	
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<b>STATEMENT TYPE</b>	"The substitute (or new, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application"[for an application based on Section 1(a), Use in Commerce] OR "The substitute (or new, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce prior either to the filing of the Amendment to Allege Use or expiration of the filing deadline for filing a Statement of Use" [for an application based on Section 1(b) Intent-to-Use].
<b>SPECIMEN FILE NAME(S)</b>	<a href="#">\\TICRS\EXPORT11\IMAGEOUT 11\850\118\85011816.xml7\ RFR0002.JPG</a>

<b>SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION</b>	copy of newspaper column bearing mark
<b>GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION (041)(no change)</b>	
<b>ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS SECTION</b>	
<b>SECTION 2(f)</b>	The mark has become distinctive of the goods/services through the applicant's substantially exclusive and continuous use in commerce that the U.S. Congress may lawfully regulate for at least the five years immediately before the date of this statement.
<b>SIGNATURE SECTION</b>	
<b>DECLARATION SIGNATURE</b>	/jordan lavine/
<b>SIGNATORY'S NAME</b>	Jordan LaVine
<b>SIGNATORY'S POSITION</b>	Attorney of record, PA bar member
<b>DATE SIGNED</b>	03/28/2012
<b>RESPONSE SIGNATURE</b>	/jordan lavine/
<b>SIGNATORY'S NAME</b>	Jordan LaVine
<b>SIGNATORY'S POSITION</b>	Attorney of record, PA bar member
<b>DATE SIGNED</b>	03/28/2012
<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY</b>	YES
<b>CONCURRENT APPEAL NOTICE FILED</b>	NO
<b>FILING INFORMATION SECTION</b>	
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**Request for Reconsideration after Final Action  
To the Commissioner for Trademarks:**

Application serial no. **85011816** has been amended as follows:

## CLASSIFICATION AND LISTING OF GOODS/SERVICES

**Applicant proposes to amend the following class of goods/services in the application:**

**Current:** Class 016 for Columns on the subject of weddings and personal relationships

Original Filing Basis:

**Filing Basis: Section 1(a), Use in Commerce:** The applicant is using the mark in commerce, or the applicant's related company or licensee is using the mark in commerce, on or in connection with the identified goods and/or services. 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(a), as amended. The mark was first used at least as early as 00/00/1992 and first used in commerce at least as early as 00/00/1992, and is now in use in such commerce.

**Proposed:** Class 016 for Columns on the subject of weddings and personal relationships

**Filing Basis: Section 1(a), Use in Commerce:** The applicant is using the mark in commerce, or the applicant's related company or licensee is using the mark in commerce, on or in connection with the identified goods and/or services. 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(a), as amended. The mark was first used at least as early as 00/00/1992 and first used in commerce at least as early as 00/00/1992, and is now in use in such commerce.

Applicant hereby submits a new specimen for Class 016. The specimen(s) submitted consists of copy of newspaper column bearing mark.

**"The substitute (or new, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application"** *[for an application based on Section 1(a), Use in Commerce]* OR **"The substitute (or new, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce prior either to the filing of the Amendment to Allege Use or expiration of the filing deadline for filing a Statement of Use"** *[for an application based on Section 1(b) Intent-to-Use].*

[Specimen File 1](#)

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

**Section 2(f), based on Use**

The mark has become distinctive of the goods/services through the applicant's substantially exclusive and continuous use in commerce that the U.S. Congress may lawfully regulate for at least the five years immediately before the date of this statement.

## SIGNATURE(S)

**Declaration Signature**

If the applicant is seeking registration under Section 1(b) and/or Section 44 of the Trademark Act, the applicant has had a bona fide intention to use or use through the applicant's related company or licensee the mark in commerce on or in connection with the identified goods and/or services as of the filing date of the application. 37 C.F.R. Secs. 2.34(a)(2)(i); 2.34 (a)(3)(i); and 2.34(a)(4)(ii); and/or the applicant has had a bona fide intention to exercise legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by its members. 37 C.F. R. Sec. 2.44. If the applicant is seeking registration under Section 1(a) of the Trademark Act, the mark was in use in commerce on or in connection with the goods and/or services listed in the application as of the application filing date or as of the date of any submitted allegation of use. 37 C.F.R. Secs. 2.34(a)(1)(i); and/or the applicant has exercised legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by its members. 37 C.F.R. Sec. 2.44. The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person,

firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; that if the original application was submitted unsigned, that all statements in the original application and this submission made of the declaration signer's knowledge are true; and all statements in the original application and this submission made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signature: /jordan lavine/ Date: 03/28/2012  
Signatory's Name: Jordan LaVine  
Signatory's Position: Attorney of record, PA bar member

**Request for Reconsideration Signature**

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The signatory has confirmed that he/she is an attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state, which includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other federal territories and possessions; and he/she is currently the applicant's attorney or an associate thereof; and to the best of his/her knowledge, if prior to his/her appointment another U.S. attorney or a Canadian attorney/agent not currently associated with his/her company/firm previously represented the applicant in this matter: (1) the applicant has filed or is concurrently filing a signed revocation of or substitute power of attorney with the USPTO; (2) the USPTO has granted the request of the prior representative to withdraw; (3) the applicant has filed a power of attorney appointing him/her in this matter; or (4) the applicant's appointed U.S. attorney or Canadian attorney/agent has filed a power of attorney appointing him/her as an associate attorney in this matter.

The applicant is not filing a Notice of Appeal in conjunction with this Request for Reconsideration.

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# Oksana Katsuro and Douglas Hopkins

By **LOIS SMITH BRADY**

**L**AST January, when Oksana Katsuro first encountered Douglas Hopkins, she was living and working in Obninsk, Russia, and dreaming of an escape. Ms. Katsuro, who is 26 and nearly six feet tall, with butter-scotch-color hair, was earning the equivalent of \$20 a month designing computer programs to track nuclear materials at a government institute. She occupied a tiny dormitory room there, and like most people she knew, she barely scraped by financially.

"I mostly ate potatoes from my mother and my sister's gardens," she said. "Sometimes, my mom went to the forest and picked mushrooms and marinated them." Eating in a restaurant severely stretched her budget. Starting a family was out of the question. "Even my girlfriends who are married don't have children because they can't afford it," she said.

At the institute, Ms. Katsuro spent a lot of time exploring the Internet, sometimes conversing with Americans on One & Only, an international matchmaking Web site. Then she began corresponding regularly with Mr. Hopkins, who was fascinated to find highly educated Russian women on the site, including a laser physicist and a lawyer. "Tens of thousands of Russian women are on the Internet trying to leave and better their lives," observed Mr. Hopkins, who at 53 was eager to marry and settle down.

In person, he is reed thin, beautifully spoken, Old World in his tastes and unorthodox. He switches careers often and gracefully,



**MANHATTAN, NOV. 6** Top, the bride and bridegroom at a friend's loft, where they were married. Above, young guests at the reception.

having worked as a fashion photographer in New York and as a volcanologist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, climbing and measuring erupting volcanoes.

Ten years ago, he started Douglas Hopkins & Company, a perfume maker based in his wood-panel duplex on the Upper East Side. Many of his products are inspired by remedies dating back centuries and are packaged like perfumes in a Parisian apothecary. (He describes his perfume Zazou as "the California scent with a hint of sanity.")

By e-mail, Ms. Katsuro and Mr. Hopkins discussed aromatherapy, computers, volcanoes and her former marriage, which ended in divorce three years ago. "Sometimes, I got six letters from Doug a day," Ms. Katsuro said. "I spent all my weekends reading and writing."

While he said her messages were funny and full of "the proverbial Russian soul," he imagined her as "in her 40's and rather drab-looking."

"Beautiful women generally have an ego, and there was nothing like that in her letters," he said. "Then, one day, she very modestly asked if I wanted to take a look at her home page. I was shocked! It was like opening a Ford model book. So I lost no time at all. I went to Russia as quickly as I could."

Many people tried to talk him out of going. "My whole family thought I was nuts," he said. "My father said, 'Mark my word, someone will do harm to you in the Moscow airport.'"

The couple spent four days together in Russia in April. On the second day he proposed marriage, and she accepted. On the

third day, they kissed for the first time. In June, he went back with an engagement ring. "Russians have no hope," he said. "They really don't believe in tomorrow at all. But when I gave Oksana the ring, I could see in her eyes that she believed."

In August, she moved to New York, and on Nov. 6, they were married in a civil ceremony in a friend's antiques-filled Manhattan loft.

The bride, who wore a white dress as short as a tennis outfit, hopes to become a mother soon. "I'm proud of myself, that I managed to do this, that I had the energy and courage," she said. "My father, who died a year and a half ago, taught me that we are born in order to bring up our children and give them all the knowledge and education we can. So, for me, it's like I'm doing what I was supposed to do. I'm on the right road."