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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer information

| Name | Lacoste Alligator S.A. |
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| Entity | Corporation |
| Citizenship | Switzerland |
| Address | 6 rue Cornavin |
| | Geneva 1, 1211 |
| | SWITZERLAND |

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Applicant Information

| Application Serial | 87203550 | Publication date | 05/30/2017 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| No | | | |
| Opposition Filing | | Opposition Period Ends | 06/29/2017 |
| Date | | | |
| Applicant | Xavier College Preparatory Ro | man Catholic High School | |
| | Address: 4710 N 5th St. | | |
| | Phoenix, AZ 85012 | | |
| | UNITED STATE | | |

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 016. First Use: 19900500 First Use In Commerce: 19900500

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Student planners; school yearbooks; bumper stickers

Class 021. First Use: 19960800 First Use In Commerce: 19960800

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Cups; water bottles, sold empty; thermally

insulated containers for food or beverages

Class 025. First Use: 19880800 First Use In Commerce: 19880800

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Hats; long-sleeve t-shirts; short-sleeve t-shirts;

polo shirts; sweatpants; sweatshirts; visors; boxer shorts; pajamas;oxford shirts; socks

Grounds for Opposition

| Priority and likelihood of confusion | Trademark Act Section 2(d) | |
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| Dilution by blurring | Trademark Act Sections 2 and 43(c) | |

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

| U.S. Registration No. | 2004314 | Application Date | 09/29/1995 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Registration Date | 10/01/1996 | | |
| Design Mark | | | |
| Goods/Services | polo shirts, sweatshirts, bl | 000 First Use In Commerce ousons, shirts, pants, shorts arkas, headwear, robes, swir | , skirts, dresses, jogging |

| U.S. Registration No. | 1108987 | Application Date | 07/07/1970 |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Registration Date | 12/12/1978 | | |
| Design Mark | Bin | | |
| Goods/Services | Class 025 First Use: 1958123 MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHIL SOCKS, OUTER SHORTS, HAT | DREN'S SPORT SHIRTS ANI | SWEATERS, MEN'S |

| U.S. Registration No. | 2247880 | Application Date | 01/16/1992 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Registration Date | 05/25/1999 | | |

| Design Mark | B. C. |
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| Goods/Services | Class 014 First Use: 19830000 First Use In Commerce: 19830000 watches |

| U.S. Registration No. | 1206000 | Application Date | 01/28/1980 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Registration Date | 08/24/1982 | | |
| Design Mark | | | |
| Goods/Services | | 19790325 First Use In Commer | rce: 19790325 |
| | Eyeglasses, Sunglass | es, and Cases for Both | |

| U.S. Registration No. | 3129817 | Application Date | 09/15/2005 |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| Registration Date | 08/15/2006 | | |
| Design Mark | 3 | | |
| Goods/Services | Sweaters, blazers, shirts, p sweatshirts, knit shirts, jac suit trousers, track suits, s | 200 First Use In Commero polo shirts, dress shirts, turt ckets, parkas, trousers, sho kirts, dresses, beachwear, , neckwear, gloves, underv | tle neck shirts, tee-shirts, orts, bermuda shorts, track socks, wrist bands, head |

| U.S. Registration No. | 3129817 | Application Date | 09/15/2005 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Registration Date | 08/15/2006 | | |

| Design Mark | |
|----------------|--|
| Goods/Services | Class 025 First Use: 20021200 First Use In Commerce: 20030300 Sweaters, blazers, shirts, polo shirts,dress shirts, turtle neck shirts, tee-shirts, sweatshirts, knit shirts, jackets, parkas, trousers, shorts, bermuda shorts, track suit trousers, track suits, skirts, dresses, beachwear, socks, wrist bands, head bands, scarves, headwear, neckwear, gloves, underwear, footwear |

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| Name | David Ehrlich |
| Date | 06/19/2017 |

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| In the Matter of Serial No. 87203550 | | |
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| LACOSTE ALLIGATOR S.A., | : | |
| | : | Opposition No. |
| Opposer, | : | |
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| - against - | ; | |
| | : | |
| XAVIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY | : | |
| ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, | : | |
| | : | |
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| Applicant. | ; | |
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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Opposer believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark shown in the abovedescribed application, and hereby opposes the same. As grounds of opposition, it is alleged that:

COUNT I - Likely Confusion

1. As to the Class 25 goods, Opposer owns design marks of a crocodile or alligator for shits, polo shirts, shorts, and other clothing and accessories. Opposer, though licensees, has used this mark in the U.S. for such goods since long before Applicant's 2016 filing date and 1988 claimed first use date (for Class 25) and continues to do so. Opposer most often uses its mark in the color green. On shirts, it is usually sewn onto the left breast area, in addition to appearing on labels and packaging. As to the Class 16 and Class 21 goods in the application, the Opposer's mark has long been used in the U.S., since before the 1990 first use date claimed in the application for Class 16 and the 1996 first use date claimed in the application for Class 21, for a variety of merchandising items, such as watches and sunglasses. It has also been used for promotional or gift with purchase items, such as sports bottles. A photo of such a sports bottle is attached as Exhibit A. Opposer's mark is extremely famous in the U.S., based on many decades

of high sales and advertising. The mark often appears in two slightly different versions, that is, in a somewhat simplified image as a small embroidery patch sewn on the front of the clothing and in a more detailed version, with crisper lines, that appears on labels and packaging.

- Among other registrations, Opposer owns U.S. Trademark Reg. No. 2004314 for the label version and 1108987 for the embroidery patch version for shirts and other clothing, Reg. No. 3129817 for the mark in the color green for clothing, Reg. No. 2247880 for watches and Reg. No. 1206000 for sunglasses. These registrations are valid, fully in force and incontestable.
- Upon information and belief, Applicant has no basis to claim an earlier priority than
 Opposer.
- 4. Opposer's clothing bearing its mark is sold in sizes for children and teens and has long been popular with school children. The Class 25 specimen in the opposed application shows the alligator portion of Applicant's mark in green in a small size sewn onto the left breast of a polo shirt, with the X portion in blue and the word XAVIER in blue above the alligator. This is a size, placement and color very similar to that used by Opposer for its mark on its shirts. This gives the highly misleading impression that the shirt is a genuine Lacoste shirt with XAVIER in blue added above Opposer's green alligator logo and the X in blue added below Opposer's green alligator logo
- 5. Applicant's mark so resembles Opposer's mark as to be likely, when applied to the goods of Applicant, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive, in violation of Lanham Act Section 2(d), such as by consumers thinking incorrectly that Applicant's mark is another variation of Opposer's famous logo and that Opposer is the source or sponsor of Applicant's clothing.
- 6. Opposer would be injured by the granting to Applicant of a certificate of registration for the trademark for which registration is sought because this mark would tend to damage Opposer's goodwill in its mark.
- 7. By reason of the foregoing, Applicant is not entitled to the registration of the trademark sought by its application.

COUNT II - Dilution

- 8. Applicant's mark consists of a realistically-rendered image of a right-facing alligator with an open mouth, viewed from the side, with a curving tail, over a letter X.
- 9. That mark closely resembles the realistically-rendered image of a right-facing alligator, viewed from the side, with a curving tail, comprising the Opposer's mark, as shown in Opposer's pleaded registrations.
- 10. Applicant's mark dilutes the distinctive quality of Opposer's famous mark, causing dilution by blurring, in violation of Lanham Act Sections 13(a) and 43(c).

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully prays that this opposition be sustained and that the application be denied.

Dated: New York, New York

June 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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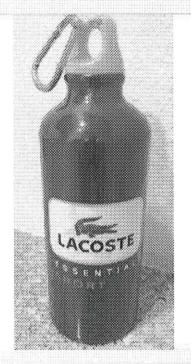
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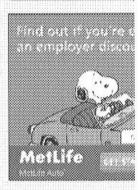
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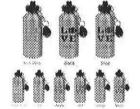
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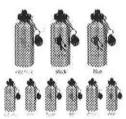


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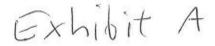
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