

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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Opposition No. 91156138

Fox Entertainment Group,  
Inc. and Twentieth Century  
Fox Film Corporation

v.

Silberstein, Ivy

**Frances S. Wolfson, Interlocutory Attorney:**

On June 20, 2008, opposer filed a motion for summary judgment. The motion has been fully briefed. However, on August 27, 2008, applicant filed a motion, with opposer's consent, that requests suspension of proceedings to enable the parties to conduct settlement negotiations and "maintain the status quo pending the outcome of these se (sic) negotiations."

In view thereof, proceedings herein are suspended until six months from the mailing date of this action, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time prior thereto. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations within the next six months, the Board will issue an order modifying the basis

for the suspension so that proceedings will remain suspended pending disposition of the motion for summary judgment.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.

**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:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>  
[http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242\\_FinalRuleChart.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>