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Opposition No. 91164412

Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Inc. (Georgia)

v.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Virginia State Unit, Inc.

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In an order dated April 18, 2005, the Board denied without prejudice applicant's motion to suspend proceedings pending final determination of civil litigation. At the time, the Board had insufficient information to determine whether the parties in the civil litigation are the same (or in privity) and whether the issues presented in the civil litigation may have a bearing on the present opposition.

On May 17, 2005, applicant renewed its motion to suspend, including submissions that show that the parties in the civil case are the same, at least in part, as those

involved herein, and that the issues presented on appeal to the court may have a bearing on this proceeding.

Accordingly, applicant's motion to suspend the proceeding pending final determination of a civil action between the parties is hereby granted, and proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the referenced civil action.[1] *See* Trademark Rule 2.117(a). *See also* Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the interested party should notify the Board so that this case may be called up for appropriate action. During the suspension period the Board should be notified of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

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[1] *Southern Virginia Christian Leadership Conference, a Virginia State Unit v. Shannon, Andrew W., etal,* Case No. 041941 before the Supreme Court of Virginia (January 19, 2005).