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Mark: LITTLE SHAKESPEARE

Attorney Docket No.: KSHAK62699

Application Serial No: 78/359,039

International Class: 16

Filed: January 28, 2004

Applicant: The Baby Einstein Company, LLC

Published for Opposition: December 14, 2004

Goods: address books; photograph albums; appliques in the form of decals; appointment books; arts and crafts paint kits; autograph books; baby books; paper party bags; ball-point pens; binders; bookends; bookmarks; children's books; paper gift wrap bows; paper cake decorations; calendars; flash cards; gift cards; greeting cards; cartoons; pen and pencil cases; decorative paper centerpieces; chalk; children's activity books; modeling clay; paper table cloths; coloring books; paper party decorations; diaries; gift wrapping paper; magazines and periodicals featuring games, stories and activities for children; paper party hats; paper napkins; pens; pencils; stickers; posters; notebooks; memo pads; erasers; pencil sharpeners; writing paper; envelopes; paper weights; paper coasters; paper mats; photographs; postcards in International Class 16

SHAKESPEARE COMPANY, LLC, a  
Delaware limited liability company,

Opposer,

v.

THE BABY EINSTEIN COMPANY, LLC, a  
Colorado limited liability company,

Applicant.

Opposition No. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION



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April 12, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRADEMARKS  
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Shakespeare Company, LLC, a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a place of business at 3801 Westmore Drive, Columbia,

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2 South Carolina 29223 (hereinafter "Opposer"), believes that it will be damaged by registration of the  
3 mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE for all of the goods claimed by U.S. Application Serial  
4 No. 78/359,039, filed January 28, 2004, and hereby opposes the same.

5 As grounds for the Opposition, Opposer alleges as follows:

6 1. On information and belief, The Baby Einstein Company, LLC is a limited liability  
7 company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado, and having a place of  
8 business at 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California 91521 (hereinafter "Applicant").

9 2. Continuously, since long prior to any date upon which Applicant can rely, Opposer  
10 has used the trademark SHAKESPEARE in association with the sale of fishing poles, fishing line,  
11 fishing reels, fishing tackle, camping products, clothing, sunglasses, and a wide variety of  
12 recreational and sporting equipment.

13 3. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 359,879 for the mark SHAKESPEARE  
14 for fishing reels, fishing lines, fishing rods, and artificial fishing baits and lures in International  
15 Class 28. Said registration issued August 30, 1938, and is currently valid, subsisting, and  
16 incontestable.

17 4. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,183,050 for the mark  
18 SHAKESPEARE for camping furniture, namely, picnic tables, folding chairs, canvas chairs, and  
19 sleeping pads, and stadium seats in International Class 20. Said registration issued August 18, 1998,  
20 and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

21 5. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,211,805 for the mark  
22 SHAKESPEARE for portable food and beverage coolers in International Class 21. Said registration  
23 issued December 15, 1998, and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

24 6. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,213,444 for the mark  
25 SHAKESPEARE for backpacks in International Class 18. Said registration issued December 22,  
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2 1998, and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

3 7. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,241,287 for the mark  
4 SHAKESPEARE for camping gloves and fishing tackle boxes in International Class 28. Said  
5 registration issued April 20, 1999, and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

6 8. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,241,288 for the mark  
7 SHAKESPEARE for sunglasses and sunglass cases in International Class 9. Said registration issued  
8 April 20, 1999, and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

9 9. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,241,290 for the mark  
10 SHAKESPEARE for duffel bags, fanny packs, mesh toiletry bags sold empty, all purpose sport and  
11 camping bags, bags for carrying bottles, and shoulder straps for the same in International Class 18.  
12 Said registration issued April 20, 1999, and is currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

13 10. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,242,083 for the mark  
14 SHAKESPEARE for stools in International Class 20. Said registration issued April 27, 1999, and is  
15 currently valid, subsisting, and incontestable.

16 11. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,281,649 for the mark  
17 SHAKESPEARE for cots in International Class 20. Said registration issued September 28, 1999,  
18 and is currently valid and subsisting.

19 12. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,473,865 for the mark  
20 SHAKESPEARE for tents in International Class 22. Said registration issued July 31, 2001, and is  
21 currently valid and subsisting.

22 13. Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2,490,605 for the mark  
23 SHAKESPEARE for fishing accessories, namely, floats, sinkers, swivels and hand held nets in  
24 International Class 28. Said registration issued September 18, 2001, and is currently valid and  
25 subsisting.  
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2 14. Opposer will be damaged by the registration sought by Applicant insofar as the  
3 registration will be *prima facie* evidence of the validity of the registration, Applicant's ownership of  
4 the mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE, and Applicant's exclusive right to use the mark LITTLE  
5 SHAKESPEARE in association with all of the goods claimed by Application Serial No. 78/359,039  
6 when, in fact, Applicant is not entitled to such rights by virtue of Opposer's prior and continuous use  
7 of the mark SHAKESPEARE in association with the sale of fishing poles, fishing line, fishing reels,  
8 fishing tackle, camping products, clothing, sunglasses, and a wide variety of recreational equipment  
9 in the same channels of trade in which some of the goods claimed by Application Serial  
10 No. 78/359,039 would be sold.

11 15. Opposer and Applicant entered a Co-Existence Agreement effective April 21, 2003.  
12 The terms of that Co-Existence Agreement prohibit Applicant's use or registration of any mark  
13 including SHAKESPEARE for "recreational equipment, fishing poles, fishing line, fishing reels,  
14 fishing tackle, camping products, and sporting goods." The terms of that Co-Existence Agreement  
15 also include Opposer's agreement not to challenge use or registration of the mark LITTLE  
16 SHAKESPEARE for goods designed to "stimulate the learning capabilities of infants and children."  
17 Application Serial No. 78/359,039 includes goods that are not designed to "stimulate the learning  
18 capabilities of infants and children." Application Serial No. 78/359,039 claims goods that are  
19 outside of the scope of registration or use permitted by the Co-Existence Agreement entered by the  
20 Parties effective April 21, 2003.

21 16. The mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE shown by Application Serial No. 78/359,039,  
22 when used in association with some of the goods claimed by said application, so resembles  
23 Opposer's mark SHAKESPEARE as to be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to  
24 deceive within the meaning of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).  
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26 17. As a result of Opposer's long-term, substantial, and widespread use of the mark  
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2 SHAKESPEARE shown by the registrations identified by Paragraph Nos. 3-13 herein, the mark  
3 SHAKESPEARE has become famous and is thus a valuable symbol that serves to identify Opposer  
4 as the source of all goods and services identified by or promoted with the mark.

5 18. The mark SHAKESPEARE previously used by Opposer and shown by the  
6 registrations identified by Paragraph Nos. 3-13 herein became famous prior to any date upon which  
7 Applicant can show use of the mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE.

8 19. Applicant's mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE shown by Application Serial  
9 No. 78/359,039 includes the entirety of Opposer's famous mark SHAKESPEARE.

10 20. The mark shown by Application Serial No. 78/359,039 when used in association with  
11 some of the goods claimed by Application Serial No. 78/359,039 so resembles Opposer's famous  
12 mark SHAKESPEARE previously used and registered by Opposer and shown by the registrations  
13 identified by Paragraph Nos. 3-13 herein as to be likely to falsely suggest a connection between  
14 Opposer and Applicant in violation of Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(a).

15 21. The mark shown by Application Serial No. 78/359,039 so resembles Opposer's  
16 famous mark SHAKESPEARE when used in association with some of the goods claimed by  
17 Application Serial No. 78/359,039 as to cause dilution of the distinctive quality of Opposer's mark  
18 SHAKESPEARE in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

19 22. Based upon the foregoing, registration of the mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE shown  
20 by Application Serial No. 78/359,039 for all of the goods claimed by said application, filed January  
21 28, 2004, is likely to cause injury and damage to Opposer.

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23 WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that the registration of the mark LITTLE  
24 SHAKESPEARE shown by Application Serial No. 78/359,039 be denied pursuant to Section 2(d) of  
25 the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d), Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(a), and  
26 Section 43 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c), and that this opposition be sustained.  
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2 Accompanying the duplicate signed copies of this Notice of Opposition is our Check  
3 No. 162816 for the required filing fee in the amount of \$300.00 (\$300.00 per class). Please  
4 charge any excess fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1740 of Opposer's counsel noted below.

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11 DATED this 12th day of April, 2005.

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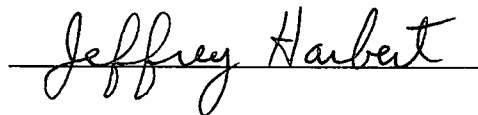
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16 Cindy L. Caditz  
17 Attorneys for Opposer

18 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

19 I hereby certify that this NOTICE OF OPPOSITION to U.S. Trademark Application Serial  
20 No. 78/359,039 for the mark LITTLE SHAKESPEARE is being deposited with the U.S. Postal  
21 Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to  
22 the Commissioner for Trademarks, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, 2900 Crystal Drive,  
Arlington, VA 22202-3513, on the below date.

23 Date: April 12, 2005

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