

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. 91167739  
Opposition No. 91167740

Tequila Centinela, S.A. De  
C.V.

v.

Bacardi & Company Limited

**David Mermelstein, Attorney:**

Now before the Board is applicant's December 8, 2005, motion (filed in both of the captioned oppositions) to suspend this proceeding in view of Opposition No. 91125436. Applicant's motion is GRANTED as conceded. Trademark Rule 2.117(a); 2.127(a).

It appears to the Board - and the parties agree - that these proceedings involve common issues of law and fact. Accordingly, the Board orders that Opposition Nos. 91167739, and 91167740 are hereby consolidated and that they may be presented on the same record and briefs.<sup>1</sup> See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); TBMP § 511, citing *Izod, Ltd. v. La Chemise Lacoste*, 178 USPQ 440 (TTAB 1970). From this date forward, Opposition No. 91167739, is designated the "parent" case in

which all papers shall be filed. Every paper filed must henceforth reference all proceeding numbers as shown in the caption of this order.<sup>2</sup>

Proceedings are suspended pending a final disposition of Opposition No. 91125436.<sup>3</sup> Within twenty days of such disposition, the interested party shall so notify the Board and have this matter called up for appropriate action.

During the course of suspension, the Board shall be notified of any change in address for the parties or their counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding consolidation, each case retains its separate character to the extent that the applied-for marks and the circumstances pertaining to each mark differ.

<sup>2</sup> The parties should promptly inform the Board in writing of any other related *inter partes* proceedings. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

<sup>3</sup> The '436 Opposition is currently under review in U.S. District Court.