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Opposition No. 91167939

Opposition No. 91168027

Citigroup Inc.

v.

Great Lakes Financial  
Resources, Inc.

**Cindy B. Greenbaum, Attorney:**

On February 29, 2008, applicant filed a proposed amendment to its application Serial Nos. 76589232 and 76589211, with opposer's consent.

By the proposed amendment applicant seeks to change the recitation of services in International Class 36 **from** "banking services" **to** "banking services, excluding credit card services."

Inasmuch as the amendment is clearly limiting in nature as required by Trademark Rule 2.71(b), and because opposer consents thereto, it is approved and entered. See Trademark Rule 2.133(a).

If this resolves the dispute herein, opposer is allowed until **thirty days** from the mailing date of this order to file a withdrawal of the opposition, failing which the opposition

will go forward on the application as amended. See Trademark Rule 2.106(c).

**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>