

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91168252

Citicorp

v.

The Mayor and City Council
of Baltimore

George C. Pologeorgis, Interlocutory Attorney:

On May 21, 2007, applicant filed a proposed amendment to its application Serial No. 78461681 with the apparent consent of opposer.¹

By the proposed amendment applicant seeks to change the identification of services **from:**

"Business management information on a wide variety of topics to service providing professionals"

to:

"City of Baltimore business management information on a wide variety of topics to service providing professionals on behalf of the City of Baltimore."

¹ The Board notes that applicant's May 21, 2007 filing is entitled "Amendment With Consent," however, the body of the motion does not include any indication that opposer has consented to the amendment nor does it include the written consent by opposer. Nonetheless, the Board, in its discretion, will treat applicant's proposed amendment as consented especially since opposer has not filed any opposition to proposed amendment.

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).

Proceedings otherwise remain suspended.

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

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>