

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91169654

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Visual Changes Skin Care
International, Inc.

v.

Neways, Inc.

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It has come to the attention of the Board that Opposition Nos. 91169654 and 91169655 involve the same parties and common questions of law and fact.¹ It would therefore be appropriate to consolidate these proceedings pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

Consolidation is discretionary with the Board, and may be ordered upon motion granted by the Board, or upon stipulation of the parties approved by the Board, or upon the Board's own initiative. See, for example, Wright & Miller, *Federal Practice and Procedure: Civil* §2383 (2004); *Regatta Sport Ltd. v. Telux-Pioneer Inc.*, 20 USPQ2d 1154 (TTAB 1991) (Board's initiative).

¹ The Board notes opposer's motion to consolidate opposition proceeding nos. 91169654 and 91169655 filed on July 10, 2006.

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Accordingly, the above-noted opposition proceedings are hereby consolidated and may be presented on the same record and briefs.

The Board file will be maintained in Opposition No. 91169654 as the "parent" case. The parties should no longer file separate papers in connection with each proceeding. Only a single copy of each paper should be filed by the parties and each paper should bear the case captions as set forth above.²

In accordance with Board practice, discovery and trial dates are reset to conform to the dates latest set in the opposition proceedings that are being consolidated. However, since both oppositions were filed on the same day and the set discovery and trial dates are identical, the discovery and trial dates will remain as is for these now consolidated proceedings as indicated below:

DISCOVERY TO CLOSE: **September 25, 2006**

Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: **December 24, 2006**

Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close: **February 22, 2007**

Fifteen-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff to close: **April 8, 2007**

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

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In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.