

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: September 10, 2007

Opposition No. 91169787

Major League Baseball
Players Association

v.

Miliante, James, F

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

The suspension period having expired with no word from either party concerning the status of their negotiations, it is concluded that efforts to reach an amicable settlement in this case have been unsuccessful.

Accordingly, proceedings herein are resumed and applicant is allowed until **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order in which to respond to opposer's motion for summary judgment (filed November 30, 2006).¹ If no word is heard from applicant, opposer's motion for summary judgment may be granted as conceded.

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¹ Of course, if the parties have settled, they may file their stipulated disposition of this proceeding.

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>