

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Opposition No. 91177314

Sony BMG Music Entertainment

v.

Jerry Clum

Cindy B. Greenbaum, Managing Interlocutory Attorney:

It has come to the Board's attention that defendant's attorney, Scott J. Fields, died on April 23, 2007. Mr. Fields was a sole practitioner whose law firm was known as National IP Rights Center, LLC, located at Suite 400, 550 Township Line Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

By letter dated May 8, 2007, Paul C. Heintz, Esq. informed the USPTO that the law firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP now represents Joanne Fields, administratrix of the estate Mr. Fields. Mr. Heintz also indicated that Mr. Fields' law practice will be liquidated.

On June 6, 2007, in the matter captioned "Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Scott J. Fields," the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County Pennsylvania entered an order

appointing Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq. to serve as Conservator for Scott J. Fields. That order specifically directs Mr. Burgoyne to "take possession of Respondent's files, distribute the files to Respondent's clients and take action with respect to Respondent's bank accounts as required by Pa.R.D.E. 321, 322 and 324."

In view of the foregoing, proceedings herein are suspended retroactive to April 23, 2007, except as noted. Defendant is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date of this order to appoint a new attorney, or to file a paper stating that defendant chooses to represent itself. If defendant files no response, the Board may issue an order to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against defendant based on defendant's apparent loss of interest in the case.

The parties will be notified by the Board when proceedings are resumed, and dates will be rescheduled at the appropriate time.

A copy of this order has been sent to all persons listed below.

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