

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91180113

Oliver McMillan
Corporation

v.

STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS
WORLDWIDE, INC.

Lalita R. Greer, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion filed December 20, 2007 to suspend proceedings is granted. Accordingly, proceedings herein are suspended through **June 12, 2008**, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. During the suspension period, the parties shall notify the Board of any change of address for either the parties or their counsel.

Unless the parties sooner request resumption, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set out in the motion. If an answer has not been

filed, the defendant is allowed until thirty days from the date of resumption to file an answer. The parties are allowed THIRTY DAYS from resumption in which to serve responses to any outstanding requests.

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>