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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91180491

**The Board of Trustees of the
Leland Stanford
Junior University**

v.

**Stanford Financial
Group Company**

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

Applicant's amended answer, filed on December 31, 2007, is accepted as a matter of course. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). Discovery is open, and discovery and trial dates remain as set in the Board's October 31, 2007 institution order. Such dates are copied below:

Discovery period to close:	May 18, 2008
30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close:	August 16, 2008
30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close:	October 15, 2008
15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff to close:	November 29, 2008

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.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

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>