

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Mailed: September 3, 2008

Opposition No. 91182767

Houston McLane Company, Inc.

v.

Safeway Inc.

**Monique Tyson, Paralegal Specialist:**

Opposer's consented motion filed August 20, 2008 to suspend proceedings is granted.

Because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, proceedings herein are suspended until March 4, 2009, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set out below.

**Applicant** is allowed **THIRTY DAYS** from resumption in which to answer the **notice of opposition**. Conferencing, disclosure, discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:

Time to Answer	4/4/09
Deadline for Discovery Conference	5/4/09
Discovery Opens	5/4/09
Initial Disclosures Due	6/3/09
Expert Disclosures Due	10/1/09
Discovery Closes	10/31/09
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	12/15/09
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	1/29/10
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	2/13/10
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	3/30/10
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	4/14/10
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	5/14/10

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 Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.