

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
P.O. Box 1451  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451**

Mailed: January 14, 2014

Opposition No. 91184108

J.C. Newman Cigar Company

v.

Brazil Cigars & Tobacco, LLC  
dba Menendez Amerino & Cia.  
Ltda.

**Ann Linnehan, Attorney**

On November 20, 2013, applicant's attorneys filed a request to withdraw as applicant's counsel of record in this case.<sup>1</sup> The request to withdraw as counsel is in compliance with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 11.116, and is accordingly granted. The law firm of Abelman Frayne & Schwab no longer represents applicant in this proceeding.

In view of the withdrawal of applicant's counsel, and in accordance with standard Board practice, proceedings herein are suspended<sup>2</sup>, and applicant is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date of this order to appoint new counsel, or to file a paper stating that applicant chooses to represent itself. If applicant files no response, the Board may issue an order to

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of said request has been placed in both the opposition file and the application file.

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show cause why default judgment should not be entered against applicant based on applicant'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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<sup>2</sup> The Board acknowledges opposer's November 20, 2013 filing indicating its consent.