

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91197183

Alan Fields

v.

Babies 411, LLC

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

On January 4, 2011, opposer filed a consented motion to suspend proceedings for settlement negotiations. The motion was filed after the filing of applicant's answer and prior to the deadline for the parties' discovery conference, does not indicate that the parties have held their mandatory discovery conference and, instead, resets the time for the discovery conference. The Board generally does not grant motions to extend or suspend for settlement negotiations that are filed between the filing of an answer and the deadline for the discovery conference "precisely because the discovery conference itself provides an opportunity to discuss settlement." *Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules*, 72 Fed. Reg. 42242, 42245 (Aug. 1, 2007). Opposer has not shown that

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varying from the Board's general practice is warranted in this case.

Accordingly, the motion to suspend is denied without prejudice. Dates are reset slightly because the date for the discovery conference has passed. See Trademark Rule 2.120(a)(2). Once the parties have conducted their discovery conference, they may seek to extend or suspend proceedings for settlement purposes.

Deadline for Discovery Conference	1/19/2011
Discovery Opens	1/19/2011
Initial Disclosures Due	2/18/2011
Expert Disclosures Due	6/18/2011
Discovery Closes	7/18/2011
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	9/1/2011
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	10/16/2011
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	10/31/2011
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	12/15/2011
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	12/30/2011
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	1/29/2012

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.

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