

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
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Mailed: April 29, 2011

Opposition No. 91197613

Synthes USA, LLC

v.

Synthase Distributors

**George C. Pologeorgis,
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On April 27, 2011, applicant's attorneys filed a request to withdraw as applicant's counsel of record in this case.¹ The request to withdraw as counsel is in compliance with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40, and is accordingly granted. The Trademark Company, PLLC no longer represents applicant in this proceeding.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**, 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

¹ 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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