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Opposition No. 91200769

Synthes USA, LLC

v.

Ferring B.V.

Andrew P. Baxley, Interlocutory Attorney:

The stipulated protective agreement filed on November 29, 2012 is noted and its use in this proceeding is approved. The parties are referred, as appropriate, to TBMP §§ 412.03 through 412.05 (3d ed. rev. 2012).

The parties are advised that only confidential or trade secret information should be filed pursuant to a stipulated protective agreement. Such an agreement may not be used as a means of circumventing Trademark Rules 2.27(d) and (e), which provide, in essence, that the file of a published application or issued registration, and all proceedings relating thereto, should otherwise be available for public inspection.