

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Opposition No. 91228288

ALK-Abello A/S

v.

LifeReach, LLC

Veronica P. White, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion, filed February 20, 2017, to extend the trial dates is granted in part.¹ Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Inasmuch as the circumstances recited in the motion are not deemed to be extraordinary in nature, the Board does not find good cause to delay the parties' required conference to allow for settlement talks, when the parties are required to discuss settlement in the conference. The parties are expected to proceed to conduct the required discovery conference without delay.

¹ When parties stipulate to the rescheduling of a deadline for pretrial disclosures and subsequent testimony periods or to the rescheduling of the closing date for discovery and the rescheduling of subsequent deadlines for pretrial disclosures and testimony periods, a stipulation presented in the form used in a trial order, signed by the parties, or a motion in said form signed by one party and including a statement that every other party has agreed thereto, shall be submitted to the Board through ESTTA, with the relevant dates set forth and an express statement that all parties agree to the new dates. Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

The parties are reminded that in the event that either party files a motion to extend or suspend the dates to allow for settlement discussions, the motion **must** state the date that the required discovery conference took place.

All subsequent dates are reset in accordance with Applicant's motion, as follows:

Discovery Opens	3/21/2017
Initial Disclosures Due	4/20/2017
Expert Disclosures Due	8/18/2017
Discovery Closes	9/17/2017
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	11/1/2017
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	12/16/2017
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	12/31/2017
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	2/14/2018
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	3/1/2018

Generally, the Federal Rules of Evidence apply to Board trials. Trial testimony is taken and introduced out of the presence of the Board during the assigned testimony periods. The parties may stipulate to a wide variety of matters, and many requirements relevant to the trial phase of Board proceedings are set forth in Trademark Rules 2.121 through 2.125. These include pretrial disclosures, matters in evidence, the manner and timing of taking testimony, and the procedures for submitting and serving testimony and other evidence, including affidavits, declarations, deposition transcripts and stipulated evidence. Trial briefs shall be submitted in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). Oral argument at final hearing will be scheduled only upon the timely submission of a separate notice as allowed by Trademark Rule 2.129(a).