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Opposition No. 91233053

Sigma Delta Tau Society

v.

*Delta Phi Epsilon, Inc. aka Delta Phi Epsilon
Sorority*

Amy Matelski, Paralegal Specialist:

Opposer's consented motion, filed March 18, 2019, to suspend this proceeding for 30-days is granted.

Because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, proceedings are suspended, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time.¹ See Trademark Rules 2.117(c) and 2.127(a); and TBMP § 605.02.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys have a change of address or email address, the Board should be so informed. See Trademark Rule 2.18(b)(1).

¹ The parties should note that if proceedings are suspended for a lengthy period of time pursuant to the filing of several motions to suspend for settlement, the Board retains discretion to condition the approval of any future consented or stipulated motion to suspend on a party or the parties providing necessary information about the status of settlement talks, discovery activities, or trial activities, as may be appropriate. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, **proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board**, upon the schedule set forth below.

Expert Disclosures Due	4/29/2019
Discovery Closes	5/29/2019
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	7/13/2019
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/27/2019
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	9/11/2019
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	10/26/2019
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	11/10/2019
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	12/10/2019
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	2/8/2020
Defendant's Brief Due	3/9/2020
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	3/24/2020
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	9/29/2020

If the parties agree to another extension or suspension, they will be expected to report to the Board on the progress of any ongoing settlement negotiations. Such report must include: a statement of issues that have been resolved and issues that remain to be resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

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, the manner and timing of taking testimony, matters in evidence, 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).