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April 23, 2019

Opposition No. 91239358

*Ringdale UK Ltd.*

*v.*

*FMN, LLC*

**Amy Matelski, Paralegal Specialist:**

Applicant's consented motion filed April 15, 2019 to extend time to file an answer to the notice of opposition, and to extend conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates, is granted.<sup>1</sup> Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Answer is due May 13, 2019. An answer must be filed through ESTTA, the Board's Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals. See Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(1).

The conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates are reset in accordance with Applicant's motion as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

Time to Answer	5/13/2019
Deadline for Discovery Conference	6/12/2019
Discovery Opens	6/12/2019
Initial Disclosures Due	7/12/2019
Expert Disclosures Due	11/9/2019
Discovery Closes	12/9/2019
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	1/23/2020
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	3/8/2020
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	3/23/2020
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	5/7/2020
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	5/22/2020
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	6/21/2020
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	8/20/2020
Defendant's Brief Due	9/19/2020
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	10/4/2020
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	10/14/2020

**The parties are reminded that there is a continuing obligation to provide good cause in the form of detailed progress reports for any further extension or suspension requests.** If the parties agree to another extension or suspension, they will be expected to report to the Board on the progress of discovery, or of any ongoing settlement negotiations. Such report must include: a recitation of discovery taken to date, 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).