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June 10, 2019

Opposition No. 91247400

Essential Products, Inc.

v.

Spigen, Inc.

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On May 13, 2019, Applicant filed a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). On June 3, 2019, Opposer filed an amended notice of opposition.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1), made applicable to Board proceedings by Trademark Rule 2.116(a), a party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course within 21 days after serving it, or if the pleading is one to which a responsive pleading is required, 21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b), (e) or (f), whichever is earlier. *See* Trademark Rule 2.107; TBMP § 507.01.

Opposer's amended notice of opposition was filed as a matter of course, and is Opposer's operative pleading in this proceeding. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(A) and (B). Applicant's motion to dismiss is moot and will be given no consideration.

Proceedings are resumed, and the proceeding schedule is reset as follows:

Time to Answer Amended Notice of Opposition	7/10/2019
Deadline for Discovery Conference	8/9/2019
Discovery Opens	8/9/2019
Initial Disclosures Due	9/8/2019
Expert Disclosures Due	1/6/2020
Discovery Closes	2/5/2020
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	3/21/2020
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	5/5/2020
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	5/20/2020
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	7/4/2020
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	7/19/2020
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	8/18/2020
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	10/17/2020
Defendant's Brief Due	11/16/2020
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	12/1/2020
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	12/11/2020

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).