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Opposition No. 91249384

Noxell Corporation

v.

Next Step Group, Inc.

Nicole Thier, Paralegal Specialist:

Opposer's consented motion, filed April 28, 2022, to extend disclosure, discovery, and trial dates is granted.¹ Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

However, the parties are barred from using ESTTA consent forms to submit any subsequent consented motion to extend or suspend dates pending settlement discussions, but must file a written motion which includes the required good cause showing in the form of a status report. Such a report must include when the parties discussed settlement, what issues were resolved, what issues remain, and a proposed trial schedule.

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).

This bar is limited to consent motions changing the trial schedule based on settlement discussions, and does not prohibit use of ESTTA for other filings.

Trial dates are reset in accordance with Opposer's consented motion, as follows:

Expert Disclosures Due	8/1/2022
Discovery Closes	8/31/2022
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	10/15/2022
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	11/29/2022
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	12/14/2022
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	1/28/2023
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	2/12/2023
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	3/14/2023
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	5/13/2023
Defendant's Brief Due	6/12/2023
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	6/27/2023
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	7/7/2023

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).

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The Board requires each submission to meet the following criteria before it will be considered: 1) pages must be legible and easily read on a computer screen; 2) page orientation should be determined by its ease of viewing relevant text or evidence, for example, there should be no sideways or upside-down pages; 3) pages must appear in their proper order; 4) depositions and exhibits must be clearly labeled and numbered – use separator pages between exhibits and clearly label each exhibit using sequential letters or numbers; and 5) the entire submission should be text-searchable. Additionally, submissions must be compliant with Trademark Rules 2.119 and 2.126. Submissions failing to meet all of the criteria above may require re-filing. **Note:** Parties are strongly encouraged to check the entire document before filing.² The Board will not extend or reset proceeding schedule dates or other deadlines to allow time to re-file documents. For more tips and helpful filing information, please visit the [ESTTA help](#) webpage.

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