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Opposition No. 91256394

*Authentix, Inc.*

*v.*

*Continental Properties Company, Inc.*

**ELIZABETH J. WINTER, INTERLOCUTORY ATTORNEY:**

**Standard Protective Order**

The stipulated protective agreement filed on November 20, 2020 is noted and its use in this proceeding is approved. *See* Trademark Rule 2.116(g). The parties are referred, as appropriate, to TBMP §§ 412.04 (Filing Confidential Materials with Board), and 412.05 (Handling of Confidential Materials by the Board).

The parties are advised that only confidential or trade secret information should be filed pursuant to a stipulated protective agreement. Such an agreement may not be used as a means of circumventing Trademark Rules 2.27(d) and (e), which provide that the file of a published application or issued registration, and all proceedings relating thereto, should otherwise be available for public inspection. The Board may treat as not confidential that material which cannot reasonably be considered

confidential, notwithstanding a designation as such by a party. *See* Trademark Rule 2.116(g).

### **Consent Motion to Extend Trial Schedule Granted**

Applicant's consented motion, filed December 21, 2020, to extend disclosure, discovery, and trial dates, 6 TTABVue, is **granted**.<sup>1</sup> Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

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

Expert Disclosures Due	2/21/2021
Discovery Closes	3/23/2021
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	5/7/2021
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/21/2021
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	7/6/2021
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/20/2021
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	9/4/2021
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	10/4/2021
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	12/3/2021
Defendant's Brief Due	1/2/2022
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	1/17/2022
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	1/27/2022

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

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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).

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).

### **TIPS FOR FILING EVIDENCE, TESTIMONY, OR LARGE DOCUMENTS**

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<sup>2</sup> To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.