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Opposition No. 91284805

Candle Science, LLC

v.

Grace Tingting Fu

Charles H. Hiser IV, Interlocutory Attorney:

On May 17, 2024, the Board issued an order allowing the withdraw of Applicant's counsel and gave Applicant thirty days to inform the Board if Applicant had secured new counsel or if Applicant would be acting without representation.

On June 16, 2024, Applicant filed a "request for 30-day extension."¹ In the filing Applicant notes that new counsel is being sought and time is necessary for counsel to get up to speed, and that retaining counsel would be beneficial. Applicant also included at the end of the filing a notice that she "in response to the Board's Order of

¹ Applicant's motion is single-spaced. Trademark Rule 2.126(a)(1) requires that all electronic submissions made to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board via ESTTA be double-spaced. The Board, in exercising its discretion, accepts the motion. However, all future motions filed with the Board must comply with Trademark Rule 2.126.

May 17, 2024 . . . hereby advises that she will represent herself in pro per.” (23 TTABVUE 5). As proceedings were suspended at the time of the filing the Board is going to construe the motion as an unconsented motion to extend the deadline to respond to the Board’s order with regards to representation for thirty days, which went uncontested. Further, the Board construes the final page to be an acknowledgement that the motion is being made pro se but, in light of the substance of the motion, that representation is still being sought. Accordingly, the motion to extend the deadline to inform the Board as to representation is **GRANTED** and Applicant is given **thirty (30) days** from the date of this order to inform the Board of Applicant’s representation. If Applicant files no response the Board will proceed as though Applicant is representing themselves pro se.

Once representation is settled the Board will take up the fully briefed motion to challenge confidentiality designations. After the confidentiality motion is decided, the Board will resume briefing on Opposer’s motion to compel filed April 12, 2024.

Proceedings remain suspended.