

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Mailed: August 19, 2009

Cancellation No. 92049237

Disguise, Inc.

v.

Betwixt, Inc.

Tina Craven, Paralegal Specialist:

It has come to the attention of the Board that respondent has permitted the registration involved in this proceeding to be cancelled under Section 8 of the Trademark Act.

In view thereof, respondent is allowed until **twenty days** from the mailing date of this order to show cause why such cancellation should not be deemed to be the equivalent of a cancellation by request of respondent without the consent of the adverse party, and should not result in entry of judgment against respondent as provided by Trademark Rule 2.134(a). In the absence of a showing of good and sufficient cause, judgment may be entered against respondent. See Trademark Rule 2.134(b).

If, in response to this order, respondent submits a showing that its failure to file a Section 8 affidavit was the result of inadvertence or mistake, judgment will not be entered against it.

In that case, petitioner will be given time in which to elect whether it wishes to go forward with the cancellation proceeding, or to have the cancellation proceeding dismissed without prejudice as moot. See *C. H. Guenther & Son Inc. v. Whitewing Ranch Co.*, 8 USPQ2d 1450 (TTAB 1988) and TBMP § 602.02(b).

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>