COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 24-CCB-0255 & 24-CCB-0258
March 25, 2025

Julia A Parker
CLAIMANT

v.

Denim Walters
RESPONDENT

FIRST DEFAULT NOTICE TO DENIM WALTERS

The Copyright Claims Board (Board) is issuing a First Default Notice in consolidated claims 24-CCB-0255 and 24-CCB-0258 because you have not registered for eCCB (the Copyright Claims Board's electronic filing and case management system) or filed a response as ordered by the Board's deadlines. **37 C.F.R. § 227.1(a)**.

The Board issued an Order to Pay Second Filing Fee and Register for eCCB in 24-CCB-0258 on December 27, 2024. A similar order was issued in claim 24-CCB-0255 on January 14, 2025. These orders required you to register for eCCB and link yourself to the claims by January 10, 2025, and January 28, 2025, respectively, unless you were granted a waiver of that requirement. **37 C.F.R. § 222.7(a)(2)**; **37 C.F.R. § 222.5(f)**.

In 24-CCB-0258 and in 24-CCB-0255, the Board issued Second Notices to Register for eCCB on January 13, 2025, and January 29, 2025, respectively, which directed you to register for eCCB by February 12, 2025, and February 21, 2025, respectively. On the same days, the Board also issued Scheduling Orders ordering you to file a response to the claims by February 12, 2025, and February 28, 2025, respectively, and to appear for initial conferences on February 19, 2025, and March 18, 2025, respectively. The February 19, 2025, conference was later rescheduled to February 26, 2025.

On February 20, 2025, you emailed the Board stating that you wished to receive no further communication and would forward any future contact to the police for harassment. In response, on February 21, 2025, the Board informed you that, because you are a named respondent in an official legal proceeding, the Board is legally required to send communications to you regarding your case. The Board also provided resources confirming the legitimacy of the Board and the proceedings and advised that failure to participate could result in a default judgment. Despite that notice, you failed to meet the deadlines to respond and did not attend the initial conferences.

The Board hereby notifies you that failure to participate in the proceeding may result in the Board entering a default determination against you. **37 C.F.R. § 227.1(b)(1)**.

You have until **April 24, 2025,** to file a response to the claim and register for eCCB. You may ask for more time if you need it by completing a short request form on eCCB for the Board to consider. If you file a response and register for eCCB by this deadline, the Board will resume proceedings and issue a new scheduling order with revised dates for the pre-discovery conference, deadlines for exchanging answers to discovery, and the status conference. **37 C.F.R. § 227.1(c)**.

If you do not file a response and register for eCCB or contact the Board about this notice by **April 24, 2025**, the Board will ask the claimant to submit evidence in support of their claim. 37 C.F.R. § 227.2(a)-(b). The Board will then determine whether the evidence is sufficient to justify a determination in favor of the claimant, and if so, will issue a proposed default determination awarding damages or relief to the claimant. If the Board determines that the evidence is not sufficient to rule in favor of the claimant, it will prepare a proposed determination dismissing the proceeding without prejudice (without prejudice means the claim can be filed again in the future). 37 C.F.R. § 227.3(a)(1)-(2).

If the Board issues a proposed default determination in favor of the claimant, you will have 30 days to respond and submit any evidence or information opposing the default determination. If you do not respond to the proposed default determination, the Board will issue the proposed default determination as a final determination against you. 37 C.F.R. § 227.4(a); 37 C.F.R. § 227.5(b).

If you do not pay the claimant any damages that are awarded in the final determination or if you otherwise fail to comply with any relief included in the determination, the claimant may apply to a United States District Court for an order confirming the relief awarded in the final determination and for a judgment for the damages and relief included in the determination.

The district court is required to grant the order and the judgment unless the determination has been vacated, corrected, or modified. The district court may also impose on you the reasonable expenses incurred by the claimant, including attorney's fees, in order to obtain the order and judgment.

For more information on procedures in cases of default, see the CCB Handbook chapter on **Missed Deadlines**. For information on how to ask the Board to reconsider a final determination following a default, see the discussion in that chapter on "Challenging a Determination" at p. 7. You may also seek an order from a United States District Court vacating, modifying, or correcting the determination. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 1508(c).

If you would like to seek further guidance from a lawyer or a law student at reduced or no cost, please visit the **Pro Bono Assistance page** on ccb.gov.

The Board will mail this notice to the address and any email address we have on file for you. Any specific questions can be directed to asktheboard@ccb.gov.

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