COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 26-CCB-0624
October 15, 2026

Matthew Morrison	*v.*	Nancy Morrison
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board (Board) finds that your claim does not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations. The claim cannot move forward unless it is amended.

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file an amended claim by **November 16, 2026**. If you do not, the Board must dismiss your claim without prejudice, although you may file again in the future before the Board or in federal court. If you file an amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B).

To make your amended claim compliant, you must resolve the issues identified below. **37 C.F.R. § 224.1(c)(2)**. You also may choose to correct or edit any errors or other information in your claim before you file it again. You do not need to provide a legal argument in your claim – just a statement of facts and circumstances. Being specific in your description gives the other party and the Board more information about your claim. There is no character limit, so please be as detailed as possible.

Noninfringement Claim – Dispute

A claim for a declaration of noninfringement asks the Board to find that your actions do not amount to an infringement of the respondent's copyrighted work. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(c)(2). If someone has accused you of infringing their copyright, a noninfringement claim requests an official declaration that you did not infringe. The claim must identify the party that accused you of infringement and must describe your allegedly infringing activity, the reasons why you believe no infringement occurred, and the reasons why you believe there is an actual controversy about the requested declaration. 37 C.F.R. §§ 222.2(c)(8)(i) & (iii)-(v). Your noninfringement claim describes how the respondent accused you of infringement, but that accusation appears to relate to a previous edition of your work, and it is not apparent that there is any controversy between you and the respondent about the revised edition of your work.

The respondent, Nancy Morrison, has an infringement claim before the Board pending against you: *Morrison v. Morrison*, Claim No. 26-CCB-0613. In that proceeding, she accuses you of infringing her journal entries from the CaringBridge website by reproducing them in a book titled *Touched*. In your noninfringement claim, you state that you "have removed all of the journal entries written by the respondent from the second publication of this book."

Your allegations do not indicate that there is an actual controversy between you and the respondent about whether the new edition of *Touched* that excludes her writings, is an infringement. Her accusations of infringement relate to an earlier version, which you acknowledge included material that she authored. The Board cannot hear a claim of noninfringement based on potential "future interference" with the revised edition. If there is no current dispute between you about whether your new edition of your book infringes her work, then it is not a proper subject for a noninfringement claim.

To address this issue in an amended noninfringement claim, it must specifically describe an actual dispute between you and the respondent over whether your activities infringed the respondent's copyright in the revised edition of your book, and why you believe that you did not infringe. However, if you cannot state facts that indicate that you are seeking a declaration of noninfringement about material that the respondent has accused you of infringing in the revised edition, then you should not file an amended noninfringement claim.

To submit an amended claim, log into your eCCB account and take the following steps:

1. From your dashboard, click the "**Amend claim**" button and select your docket number from the dropdown list.
2. Your claim will unlock for editing. The information you originally entered will appear in the same order as in your original claim.
3. Make the necessary edits. If you have filed supplemental documents, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim on the "**Documentation**" page. Please include only documents directly related to your claim, and label them clearly.
4. Once you have completed your edits, continue to click through the fillable claim form until you reach the "**Review"** page. The Review page includes all the information that you have provided in the claim up to this point. Carefully double-check the information on this page. If you have any corrections, you can select "**Edit**" to revise any entries necessary. Each section of information has an "**Edit**" button, which will take you back to that section so you can make changes. After you make changes, you can click "**Save & review**" to return to the Review page. Please review your claim carefully. Once you submit your amended claim, you will be unable to edit the claim while it is in compliance review.
5. Once you have completed your review and any revisions, you must confirm that the information in your claim is accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge. To complete the declaration, type your full name into the "**Digital signature**" box near the bottom of the "**Review filing**" page and click "**Agree & submit**."

If you have questions, please contact **asktheboard@ccb.gov**. Include your docket number in the subject line. The Board is unable to provide legal advice. We can provide only legal information and assistance concerning Board procedures and requirements. 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. You also may refer to the **Compliance Review** chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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