COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 26-CCB-0632
October 15, 2026

Fatima Bastos	*v.*	STE7 LLC
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER OF INTENT TO DISMISS FOR UNSUITABILITY

The Board has concluded that this claim is unsuitable for determination by the Board under 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(3) because the allegedly infringed work appears to be an uncopyrightable copy or almost identical derivative of a famous article of set design widely seen on the television program Friends. As such, it does not appear that the claimant is able to point to any element of copyrightable expression created by claimant and copied by respondent, never mind to the point of substantial similarity needed for copyright infringement. Therefore, the Board intends to dismiss this claim without prejudice for **unsuitability**. 37 C.F.R. § 224.2(b)(1).

The claimant may request that the Board reconsider its determination of unsuitability by **November 16, 2026**. 37 C.F.R. § 224.2(b)(2). A request to reconsider must be filed on eCCB and may not exceed seven pages, not including any relevant documents filed as attachments in support, and must meet the requirements set forth in **37 C.F.R. § 220.5(b)**. A request to reconsider would only be appropriate if the claimant could show what copyrightable elements they have added to the frame design and which of those elements the respondent copied such that respondent's work can be considered substantially similar to claimant's creative expression. More information about uncopyrightable material and derivative works is available in Sections 906 and 907 of **Chapter 900** of the *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition*.

To submit the request, log into your eCCB account and take the following steps:

1. In your dashboard, you will see this claim under "Ongoing copyright proceedings."
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3. Select "Request to Reconsider Unsuitability Determination" from the dropdown menu.
4. You may type your response in the text box.
5. You may also upload, as an attachment, any additional documentation you would like the Board to consider with your response.

The claimant may contact **asktheboard@ccb.gov** with any questions, including the 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. The claimant may also refer to the **Unsuitability** chapter of the CCB Handbook for more information.

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