COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 26-CCB-0111
November 16, 2026

Nico Trinkhaus	*v.*	POLMEDIA, LLC
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER SCHEDULING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

The Copyright Claims Board (Board) held a status conference on November 6, 2026, at which both parties expressed interest in a settlement conference. The Board hereby schedules a settlement conference on **December 10, 2026, at 1:00 PM ET**. The Board will send a Zoom link to the parties ahead of that date. The parties are advised to allow at least 90 minutes for settlement discussions and may want to consider reserving additional time in case it is needed. Additional guidance is provided below, and the parties should review the CCB Handbook chapter on **Settlement**.

Each party participating in the settlement conference *must* submit a position statement to the Officer handling the conference (Settlement Officer) via email on or before **December 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET.** The position statement shall be emailed to **filings@ccb.gov** and **not filed on eCCB.**

The position statement must be typed, double-spaced (except for headings, footnotes, and block quotes, which can be single-spaced), in twelve-point font (or larger), and no longer than five pages. The position statement must also not include more than twenty pages of exhibits, unless you get permission from the Settlement Officer in advance. If you believe you need to add additional pages of text or exhibits, you must ask permission from the Settlement Officer. If your dispute involves an agreement or contract, the contract will not be counted towards your page limit. To the extent any exhibits were already filed with the claim or response, you can reserve some of your twenty-page exhibit limit for other evidence by referring to the already-filed exhibits.

The position statement should also include:

- a brief overview of the facts and contentions;
- the relief sought, including the amount of damages (if any), or why you believe there were no damages or limited damages;
- an explanation of the extent of the alleged wrongful conduct or an explanation of why the conduct was not wrongful. You should also note whether the conduct has stopped or is continuing; and
- any prior attempts at resolution, including any offers or counteroffers made to the other party.

You may also decide to include any offer of settlement you are willing to make at this time.

You will email your position statement to the Settlement Officer at **filings@ccb.gov**. **Do not upload your position statement to eCCB because it is meant to be confidential and not shared with the public.** Your position statement will not be shared with the party on the other side unless you agree, so do not copy that party on the email unless there is an agreement to do so.

In preparation for the conference, you should carefully consider what is important to you in the dispute and how the issues are relevant to a potential resolution of the claim. You may want to consider the following:

- What factors beyond the parties' control contributed to the dispute?
- Assuming anything is possible, what would you like to discuss at the settlement conference? What do you think the other parties want to discuss?
- What practical concerns do you have about settlement?
- What other concerns are relevant to your thinking about settlement?
- How would it benefit you to have the dispute over? What would a fair resolution look like to you?
- What is the risk that your claim or defense may be unsuccessful, and what would the consequences be?
- If you do not settle, what are the drawbacks in terms of time, cost, and disruption of your business or personal life?