COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 23-CCB-0024
April 10, 2024

Michelle Shocked	*v.*	Law Rocks
CLAIMANT		**RESPONDENT**

ORDER REGARDING BAD-FAITH CONDUCT

On April 1, 2024, the claimant filed a Letter Regarding Bad-Faith Conduct. In the letter, the claimant requests that the Copyright Claims Board (Board) strike the respondent's Position Statement for the Merits Conference ("Respondent's Position Statement") (Dkt. 37) or, in the alternative, strike Section II, Part B "Claimant Michelle Shocked" of the filing. The Board denies this request.

The request was submitted after both parties missed the March 27, 2024, deadline to file their evidence before the Merits Conference. The claimant filed their evidence on March 28, 2024 at 12:18 AM EST. The respondent emailed the Board on March 28, 2024 at 10:30AM EST to request an extension, and, before the Board could finally act upon the request, subsequently filed their evidence at 5:30 PM EST that same day. Claimant then submitted what amounted to reply papers on April 1, 2024 (Dkt. 42) because claimant contended that respondent submitted their papers late. The Board's regulations do not allow for the submission of reply papers before a Merits Conference, and because both parties submitted their statements late, the Board rejected that submission on April 1, 2024. (Dkt. 43).

While Section II, Part B of the Respondent's Position Statement may contain irrelevant allegations, the Board does not believe the respondent has acted in bad-faith. Further, both parties have submitted irrelevant allegations as well as personal attacks on the other. The Board will ignore such allegations and reminds the parties that all participants in CCB proceedings, including parties and their representatives, are expected to treat others with the highest degree of respect.

At today's hearing, all parties are expected to treat all participants with the highest degree of respect, and all witnesses are expected to testify truthfully.

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