

1 UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
2 BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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4 LIBERTY MUTUAL  
5 INSURANCE CO.,

6 Petitioner,

7 vs. Case Nos. CBM2012-00002

8 PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY CBM2012-00003

9 INSURANCE CO., CBM2012-00004

10 Patent Owner. CBM2013-00009

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12 Conference Call before

13 JUDGE JAMESON LEE

14 JUDGE JONI Y. CHANG

15 JUDGE MICHAEL R. ZECHER

16 February 19, 2014

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19 Liberty Mutual v. Progressive  
20 CBM2013-00009

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1 MR. WAMSLEY: This is Jim Wamsley  
2 for patent owner Progressive, and we appreciate  
3 the Board's accommodating request on such short  
4 notice for this call, which hopefully won't  
5 last too long.

6 But in connection with request for  
7 re-hearing, which Progressive is considering  
8 filing, we requested this conference call in  
9 order to ask that the Board indicate the  
10 specific times at which, and/or the specific  
11 sequence in which, its final decisions were  
12 posted to the PRPS website in the following CBM  
13 cases: CBM 2012-00002, CBM 2012-00004, CBM  
14 2012-00003 and 2013-00009.

15 We believe that this information  
16 should be public information. We're not trying  
17 to pry, certainly, into the internal operations  
18 or procedures of the Board. And our  
19 understanding is that the decisions were posted  
20 at slightly different times, and that, in  
21 particular, the final decision in 2012-00002  
22 was posted before the decision in 2012-00004 on  
23 January 23. And, in addition, the final  
24 decision in 2012-00003 was posted before the  
25 final decision in 2013-00009 on February 11th.

1           Now, the Board's decisions  
2 themselves do not bear a timestamp; however, we  
3 received PRPS system notifications by e-mail of  
4 these decisions in a sequence that confirms the  
5 sequences that I outlined just a minute ago.

6           And, in addition, last week, when  
7 the decisions came down in case numbers  
8 2012-00003 and 2013-00009, I telephoned the  
9 Board's paralegal, Ms. Vignone, I believe, who  
10 indicated that the decisions would have been  
11 posted at different times because a person can  
12 only post one at a time.

13           In addition, we have examined the  
14 metadata on the PRPS website, and it's  
15 consistent with our analysis and conclusion  
16 about the sequence and timing, and confirms  
17 that the decisions in 2012-00002 preceded the  
18 decision in 2012-00004; and also, the decision  
19 in 2012-00003 preceded the one in 2013-00009.

20           So, in a nutshell, we are simply  
21 asking that the Board confirm and provide us  
22 with the, what we think, should be public  
23 information regarding the timing at which these  
24 decisions were posted to the website.

25           JUDGE LEE: I understand.

1                   Anything else?

2                   MR. WAMSLEY: Not at this time, no,  
3 Your Honor.

4                   JUDGE LEE: Okay. Let me put you  
5 on mute for just a second.

6                   (Discussion had off the record.)

7                   JUDGE LEE: We're back.

8                   Let's turn it over to Mr. Baughman  
9 from Liberty.

10                  We'd like to hear whatever you'd  
11 like to say on the subject.

12                  MR. BAUGHMAN: Thanks, Your Honor.

13                  Respectfully, we don't think  
14 there's a basis for the request the patent  
15 owner is making here. I know Mr. Wamsley said  
16 first he wasn't trying to pry into the internal  
17 operations and procedures at the Patent Trial  
18 and Appeal Board, but he's now talking about  
19 calling paralegals at the Board to ask about  
20 timing; I don't believe we were contacted about  
21 that call. He's examining metadata. He  
22 certainly does appear to be asking for  
23 discovery of how the Board does what it does.

24                  Respectfully, we submit that the  
25 record is quite clear what the Board has done

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