

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

J SQUARED, INC. d/b/a UNIVERSITY LOFT COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

SAUDER MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-00774
Patent 8,585,136 B2

Before LINDA E. HORNER, JOSIAH C. COCKS, and JAMES A. WORTH,
Administrative Patent Judges.

HORNER, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

SCHEDULING ORDER
37 C.F.R. § 42.5

A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Requests for an Initial Conference Call

Unless at least one of the parties requests otherwise, we will not conduct an initial conference call as described in the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,765–66 (Aug. 14, 2012). In lieu of such a call, we instruct the parties as follows:

- (1) If a party wishes to request an initial conference call, that party shall request the call no later than 25 days after the institution of trial;
- (2) A request for a conference call shall include: (a) a list of proposed motions, if any, to be discussed during the call and (b) a list of dates and times when the parties are available for the call; and
- (3) The parties shall be prepared to discuss during the initial conference call their concerns, if any, relating to the schedule in this proceeding as set forth below.

Absent good cause shown, we will not conduct an initial conference call later than 30 days after the institution of a trial.

2. Protective Order

A protective order does not exist in this proceeding unless the parties file one and the Board approves it. If either party files a motion to seal before entry of a protective order, a jointly proposed protective order should be presented as an exhibit to the motion. We encourage the parties to adopt the Board's default protective order if they conclude that a protective order is necessary. *See* Default Protective Order, Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, App. B (Aug. 14, 2012). If the parties choose to propose a protective order deviating from the default protective order, they must submit the proposed

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protective order jointly along with a marked-up comparison of the proposed and default protective orders showing the differences.

The Board has a strong interest in the public availability of the proceedings. We advise the parties that redactions to documents filed in this proceeding should be limited strictly to isolated passages consisting entirely of confidential information, and that the thrust of the underlying argument or evidence must be clearly discernible from the redacted versions. We also advise the parties that information subject to a protective order will become public if identified in a final written decision in this proceeding, and that a motion to expunge the information will not necessarily prevail over the public interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history. *See* Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. at 48,761.

3. Motions to Amend

Patent Owner may file a motion to amend without prior authorization from the Board. Nevertheless, the Patent Owner must confer with the Board before filing such a motion. 37 C.F.R. § 42.121(a). We direct the parties to the Board's website for representative decisions relating to Motions to Amend among other topics. The parties may access these representative decisions at:

http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/representative_orders_and_opinions.jsp.

The page limit for motions to amend, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.24, has recently changed to 25 pages and the claim listing may be contained in an appendix to the motion. 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.24(a)(1)(vi), 42.121(b). For further information on all recent rule changes, the parties are directed to Final Rule notice as published in the Federal Register on May 19, 2015. Amendments to the Rules of Practice for Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 80 Fed. Reg. 28,561 (May 19, 2015). The parties may access this Final Rule notice at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-19/pdf/2015-12117.pdf>.

4. Discovery Disputes

The Panel encourages the parties to resolve disputes relating to discovery on their own and in accordance with the precepts set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b). To the extent that a dispute arises between the parties relating to discovery, the parties shall meet and confer to resolve such a dispute before contacting the Board. If attempts to resolve the dispute fail, a party may request a conference call with the Board and the other party in order to seek authorization to move for relief.

In any request for a conference call with the Board to resolve a discovery dispute, the requesting party shall: (a) certify that it has conferred with the other party in an effort to resolve the dispute; (b) identify with specificity the issues for which agreement has not been reached; (c) identify the precise relief to be sought; and (d) propose specific dates and times at which both parties are available for the conference call.

5. Depositions

The parties are advised that the Testimony Guidelines appended to the Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,756, 48,772 (Aug. 14, 2012) (Appendix D), apply to this proceeding. The Board may impose an appropriate sanction for failure to adhere to the Testimony Guidelines. 37 C.F.R. § 42.12. For example, reasonable expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by any party may be levied on a person who impedes, delays, or frustrates the fair examination of a witness.

Whenever a party submits a deposition transcript as an exhibit in this proceeding, the submitting party shall file the full transcript of the deposition rather than excerpts of only those portions being cited. After a deposition transcript has been submitted as an exhibit, all parties who subsequently cite to

portions of the transcript shall cite to the first-filed exhibit rather than submitting another copy of the same transcript.

6. Petitioner's Reply

The page limits for replies, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.24(c), have recently changed as follows:

- (1) Replies to patent owner responses to petitions are limited to 25 pages;
- (2) Replies to oppositions (excluding replies to oppositions to Motions to Amend) are limited to 5 pages; and

(3) Replies to oppositions to Motions to Amend are limited to 12 pages. *See* Amendments to the Rules of Practice for Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 80 Fed. Reg. at 28,565.

7. Cross-Examination

Except as the parties might otherwise agree, for each due date—

1. Cross-examination begins after any supplemental evidence is due. 37 C.F.R. § 42.53(d)(2).

2. Cross-examination ends no later than a week before the filing date for any paper in which the cross-examination testimony is expected to be used. *Id.*

8. Objection; Motion to Exclude

The trial rules have been updated recently to require that objections to evidence must be *filed* within the prescribed time periods. 37 C.F.R. § 42.64(b)(1). *See* Amendments to the Rules of Practice for Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 80 Fed. Reg. at 28,565.

Parties are advised that the Panel will not authorize motions to exclude replies alleged to contain arguments that are outside the scope of a proper reply under 37 C.F.R. § 42.23(b). The Panel will determine whether a party's reply is

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