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HealFast Inc. Opposer,	) ) )			
v.	) ) )	pposition No	91277442	
Fortitude Health, LLC Applicant.	) )			

### **APPLICANT'S MOTION TO SUSPEND FOR CIVIL ACTION**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §2.117(a), Applicant Fortitude Health, LLC ("Applicant") respectfully requests that the Board suspend this opposition proceeding pending the final determination of the civil action filed by Opposer HealFast Inc. ("Opposer") against Applicant. The grounds for Applicant's motion are as follows:

- 1. On February 1, 2022, Opposer filed a complaint against Applicant in the District Court for the Eastern District of New York (Case No. 2:22-cv-00592). Applicant has attached a copy of the complaint.
- 2. Among the claims in its complaint, Opposer seeks a declaratory judgment of non-infringement of Applicant's HEALFAST and HEELFAST marks which have previously been registered (U.S. Registration Nos. 6,219,376 and 6,552,454, respectively).
- 3. On April 4, 2022, Applicant filed an answer to Opposer's complaint, denying the salient allegations of the complaint. Applicant has attached a copy of the answer.
- 4. The products for which Applicant's HEALFAST and HEELFAST marks have been registered are strongly related and overlapping with the products identified in Applicant's trademark application for HEALFAST SKINCARE (Serial No. 90895127).



5. Applicant's HEALFAST and HEELFAST are so similar to its HEALFAST

SKINCARE mark that the outcome of the civil action would have a strong bearing on the

outcome of the instant opposition proceeding.

6. The discovery that will undoubtedly occur in the civil action will be partially

duplicative of the discovery that will occur in this opposition proceeding.

7. The facts that will be elicited during the course of the civil action will

unquestionably have a bearing on this opposition proceeding and will affect the way in which

both parties litigate this opposition proceeding.

8. The civil action is currently in discovery. There have not been any final orders or

decisions issued in the action, nor have the parties settled the dispute.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board grant Applicant's

Motion to Suspend for Civil Action and issue an order suspending this opposition proceeding

pending the final determination of the civil action.

Respectfully submitted,

FORTITUDE HEALTH LLC

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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Justin Samra and HealFast, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.:
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Fortitude Health, LLC,	)	
	)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.	)	

### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs Justin Samra ("Justin") and HealFast, Inc. ("HealFast" and, collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by and through its attorneys, hereby file this Complaint and allege against Fortitude Health, LLC ("Defendant") on personal knowledge as to their own activities and on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. Plaintiffs bring this action to protect themselves from the wrongful and malicious actions of Defendant, and to seek declaratory judgment of non-infringement of Defendant's trademarks arising under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1052 and 1125, *et seq.*, unfair competition practices, tortious interference with prospective economic advantage, as well as related claims under the statutory and common laws of the State of New York. Plaintiff Justin also brings an action for breach of contract against Defendant.



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