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April 24, 2020

Ms. Denise M. DelGizzi  
Chief Clerk of the Board  
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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
P.O. Box 1451  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

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Re: Concurrent Use Proceeding No. 94002720  
Hanscomb Consulting, Inc. v. Hanscomb, Limited

Dear Ms. DelGizzi:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 2.145(c)(3), I am writing the Board to provide notice that today I filed a civil action, appealing the decision of the Board dated February 26, 2020, in the referenced concurrent use proceeding, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. The civil action has been assigned docket number 1:20-cv-00457 and is styled Hanscomb Consulting, Inc. v. Hanscomb, Limited.

I have attached the civil cover sheet, complaint, and Exhibit 1 thereto. Today, I sent Thomas O'Rourke, Esquire, Counsel to Hanscomb, Limited courtesy copies of the papers filed in Court today. I will also serve him this cover letter today after filing it. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

H. JAY SPIEGEL & ASSOCIATES



H. Jay Spiegel  
Counsel to Hanscomb Consulting, Inc.

HJS:tg  
Enclosures

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

Hanscomb Consulting, Inc.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff **Alexandria**  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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**DEFENDANTS**

Hanscomb, Ltd.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

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**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
**15 USC 1071(b)(1)**

Brief description of cause:

De Novo Appeal of U.S. Patent & Trademark Office TTAB Decision

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

**DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

**JURY DEMAND:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**  
**ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

HANSCOMB CONSULTING, INC. )  
225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 200 )  
Alexandria, VA 22314 )  
Virginia Corporation )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

HANSCOMB, LIMITED )  
900-40 Holly Street )  
Toronto CANADA )  
Canadian Corporation )

Defendant. )

Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT FOR APPEAL AND *DE NOVO* REVIEW OF DECISION OF**  
**TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

The Plaintiff HANSCOMB CONSULTING, INC. (Plaintiff or HCI) for its Complaint against Defendant HANSCOMB, LIMITED (Defendant or HL), alleges as follows:

**NATURE OF ACTION**

1. This is an action seeking *de novo* judicial review of a final decision of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB or the Board), an administrative agency of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in concurrent use proceeding no. 94002720 (the concurrent use proceeding) under 15 U.S.C. § 1071(b)(1). A copy of the final decision is attached as Exhibit 1.

2. On February 26, 2020, in the concurrent use proceeding, a TTAB panel dissolved the proceeding and ruled Plaintiff's application Serial No. 87/100,385 was accordingly abandoned.

3. In dissolving the concurrent use proceeding, the TTAB found that Plaintiff had complied with the jurisdictional requirement of 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d) in that the TTAB found Plaintiff had made lawful use of its mark in commerce before Defendant filed its application for registration, Serial No. 86/644,350.

4. In inducing the concurrent use proceeding, Plaintiff alleged, based upon the information known to it at the time, that it was entitled to exclusive rights to use the service mark "HANSCOMB CONSULTING" and design (Plaintiff's mark) throughout the United States with the exception of two zip codes, 60521 (in Hinsdale, IL) and 90071 (in Los Angeles, CA). However, the TTAB found that there was significant overlap in territories of use of Plaintiff's mark and Defendant's mark "HANSCOMB" (Defendant's mark). On that basis, rather than determining the territories to which each party was entitled, the TTAB dissolved the proceeding and ordered the abandonment of Plaintiff's application.

#### **THE PARTIES**

5. Plaintiff is a corporation of Virginia having the following address: 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.

6. On information and belief, Defendant is a corporation of Canada having the following address: 900-40 Holly Street, Toronto, CANADA.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7. This is an action for judicial review of a final decision of the TTAB under Section 21(b)(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1071(b)(1).

8. This Court has original jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338 as it involves claims presenting federal questions under 15 U.S.C. § 1071(b)(1) and

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