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Jury Demand: None

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

GOOGLE INC.,)
Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 07 CV 385
vs.) Hon. Virginia M. Kendall
CENTRAL MFG. INC. a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO., a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO. (INC.), a/k/a CENTRAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. and a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO. OF ILLINOIS; and STEALTH INDUSTRIES, INC. a/k/a RENTAMARK and a/k/a RENTAMARK.COM,))))))))
Defendants.)

GOOGLE'S POSITION BRIEF

Plaintiff Google Inc. ("Google") respectfully submits this Position Brief pursuant to the Court's August 17 and 25, 2009 Orders.

Introduction

Google respectfully submits that the questions raised in the Court's August 17 and 25, 2009 Orders have been superseded because The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (the "SPTA") has acquired all stock and other assets of the corporate entity Defendants. The stock and assets of the corporate entity Defendants were sold to the SPTA in a bankruptcy auction under the auspices and with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, so the Trustee is no longer their representative. While Stoller has made sensational allegations that the assignment to the SPTA is invalid in his motion for reconsideration papers, they are not only frivolous and unsupported but are not properly before the Court. Stoller cannot collaterally challenge the validity of the Assignment outside the Bankruptcy Court proceeding or appeals therefrom. Nonetheless, the Assignment is indeed valid, as confirmed by the findings of the Bankruptcy Court and as recognized by the TTAB. As Google mentioned previously, Google and the SPTA have been in the process of discussing an agreement to resolve this case and have in fact reached a resolution. Google therefore is concurrently moving for the entry of a stipulated permanent injunction and final judgment that will conclude this litigation if approved.

While Google believes that the SPTA is currently the corporate entities Defendants' representative, Google addresses the Court's questions regarding the Trustee's prior representation as follows. Google's position is, and always has been, that the claims at issue arose only after Stoller petitioned for bankruptcy. For this reason, before filing this suit, Google originally requested that the Bankruptcy Court declare that Google's claims were not subject to the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code -- a step Google undertook out of respect for the Bankruptcy Court and to avoid any accusation that its suit would violate the automatic stay provisions. It was only in the alternative that Google sought from the Bankruptcy Court an order seeking modification of the stay, in the event that the Bankruptcy Court nevertheless concluded that the claims were pre-petition and that the automatic stay did apply. The Bankruptcy Court did not accept Google's first ground, but instead decided to modify the automatic stay and granted Google leave to bring this action in any event. It was on this basis, as well as the Bankruptcy Court's Orders recognizing the Trustee as the sole shareholder of the entity Defendants at the time, that Google and the Trustee previously considered the Trustee to be the proper representative of the corporate entity Defendants in this suit.

Argument

I. THE CORPORATE ENTITY DEFENDANTS ARE NOW UNDER THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE SPTA

A. By Bankruptcy Court Order, The Stock And Assets Of The Corporate Entities Defendants Were Sold To The SPTA

The corporate entity Defendants are now under the ownership and control of the SPTA. On July 24 and August 7, 2007, the Bankruptcy Court held an auction hearing for the sale of assets in Stoller's bankruptcy estate, including the stock and assets of the corporate entity Defendants.¹ On August 8, 2007, the Bankruptcy Court approved the sale of the stock and assets of the corporate entity Defendants to the SPTA.² Having obtained the Bankruptcy Court's approval, the Trustee and the SPTA entered into an assignment dated August 20, 2007 (the "Assignment") that transferred all stock and assets in the corporate entity Defendants to the

¹ Declaration of Michael T. Zeller In Support of Position Brief, dated September 30, 2009 and filed concurrently herewith, Exh. 1 at 1.

² Zeller Dec., Exhs. 2, 1.

SPTA.³ On the same day, as the new stockholder of the corporate entity Defendants, the SPTA removed Stoller from "any and all positions, offices, and capacities in connection with each of the corporations."⁴

On August 10, 2007, Stoller appealed the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order to the District Court.⁵ This appeal was dismissed on October 1, 2007.⁶ Stoller's motion to reinstate the appeal was denied on April 24, 2009, and his motion to file *in forma pauperis* was denied on May 8, 2009.⁷ On May 22, 2009, Stoller appealed the District Court's April 24 and May 8, 2009 rulings to the Seventh Circuit.⁸ However, it appears that Stoller's appeal has been dismissed for failure to comply with the fee requirements of Seventh Circuit Rule 3(b)⁹ and thus no further appeals are now available to Stoller.

As the owner of all stock and assets in the corporate entity Defendants, the SPTA is their proper representative in this suit. Indeed, decisions of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board have recognized the SPTA as the rightful owner of Defendant Central Mfg. Inc. ¹⁰ Although the SPTA has dissolved both of the Defendants, ¹¹ this does not prevent them from being subject to continued suit here. Courts in this Circuit look to state law in analyzing a dissolved corporation's ability to sue or be sued. *See Sharif v. Int'l Dev. Group Co., Ltd.*, 399 F.3d 857, 860-61 (7th Cir. 2005) (applying Illinois corporate survival statute 805 ILCS 5/12.80). Under both Illinois and Delaware state law, a corporation can participate in litigation after being dissolved if the litigation is initiated before or within five years or three years, respectively, after dissolution. *See* 805 ILCS 5/12.80 (corporation can sue or be sued on claims brought before and up to 5 years post-dissolution); 8 Del.C. § 278 (same, for 3 years post-dissolution). Here, the

³ Zeller Dec., Exh. 3.

⁴ Zeller Dec., Exh. 4.

⁵ Zeller Dec., Exh. 5.

⁶ Zeller Dec., Exh. 6.

Zeller Dec., Exhs. 7, 8.

⁸ Zeller Decl., Exh. 9.

⁹ Zeller Dec., Exhs. 10, 11. A search conducted on the Seventh Circuit's PACER website resulted in no matches for the appeal number in the May 28, 2009 Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice, indicating that the appeal was dismissed before being docketed because Stoller failed to pay the docketing fee. Zeller Dec., ¶ 11.

¹⁰ Zeller Dec., Exh. 12 (Three examples of TTAB decisions recognizing the SPTA's ownership and control of Central Mfg. Inc.).

¹¹ Zeller Dec., Exhs. 13, 14.

complaint in this action was filed on January 19, 2007,¹² and the SPTA submitted filings in 2008 to dissolve the Defendants.¹³ Accordingly, by any measure, this action was properly brought and is properly maintained against both of the corporate entity Defendants.

As stated above, Google has reached a resolution with the SPTA regarding this lawsuit, and have moved for entry of stipulated permanent injunction and final judgment that, if approved by this Court, will bring this matter to a close. In light of all of these circumstances, Google respectfully submits that the questions regarding the Trustee's prior representation of the Defendants in this case have been superseded.

B. <u>Stoller Cannot Collaterally Attack In This Proceeding The SPTA's</u> <u>Acquisition Of The Corporate Entity Defendants</u>

In his motion for reconsideration papers, Stoller has previewed his baseless attacks on the validity of the Assignment and has sought "an 'order' from this court declaring the attached August 20, 2009 Assignment a 'naked' assignment and/or an 'Assignment' in gross transferring 'no' Stoller trademark rights to SPTA resulting in an abandonment by the trustee of Stoller's assets which have been lawfully re-acquired by Stoller as a result of the Trustee's abandonment, through a naked assignment dated **August 20, 2009.**"¹⁴

Stoller cannot use this proceeding to collaterally challenge the Bankruptcy Courtapproved sale of the Defendants to the SPTA, however. Stoller concedes that the sale from the Trustee to the SPTA took place and that assets were transferred pursuant to the Assignment. As a result, the only issue is whether Stoller can challenge the validity of the Assignment in this Court. Stoller cannot do so. No court, other than on a proper appeal from the Bankruptcy Court, has the jurisdiction to review the decisions and actions of the Bankruptcy Court. *See Celotex Corp. v. Edwards*, 514 U.S. 300, 313 (1995) ("We have made clear that it is for the court of first instance to determine the question of validity of the law, and until its decisions are reversed for error by orderly review, either by itself or by a higher court, its orders based on its decisions are

¹² Complaint, CV-07-00385, Docket No. 1.

¹³ Zeller Dec., Exhs. 13, 14. More specifically, Central Mfg. Inc. was dissolved on January 29, 2008, and Stealth Industries, Inc. was dissolved on April 24, 2008.

Docket No. 116, September 14, 2009 Reply to Google's Response to Motion for Reconsideration (the "Reply"), at 21 (emphasis in original).

¹⁵ *Id.* at 4 ("On August 20, 2007, Leo Stoller asserts that there was an unlawful, invalid **naked** Assignment of Stoller's trademark rights to SPTA through a bankruptcy auction") (emphasis in original)).

to be respected."). As shown above, the District Court and the Seventh Circuit dismissed Stoller's appeals from the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order, including most recently his May 22, 2009 appeal to the Seventh Circuit. Stoller cannot be allowed to circumvent the normal appeal process to challenge the Assignment here.

Even though the validity of the Assignment cannot be challenged in this proceeding, the Assignment is indeed valid. As discussed above, the Bankruptcy Court held an auction hearing over two days and entered an order and findings of fact and conclusions of law that the Assignment is valid. In particular, the Bankruptcy Court found:

Sound business reasons exist for the Trustee's sale of the Assets pursuant to the APA [Asset Purchase Agreement]. Entry into the APA and the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby constitute the exercise by the Trustee of sound business judgment and such acts are in the best interests of the Debtor, his estate and its creditors;

[T]he Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC . . . made the only offer received for the Assets within the time period ordered, which offer was in the amount of \$7500.00;

[T]he APA [Asset Purchase Agreement] and the transactions contemplated by the APA were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Trustee and the [SPTA] at arm's length, without collusion and in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

The Purchase Price under the APA is fair and reasonable and is sufficient value for the Assets, since it was the only valid offer received. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the APA is in the best interests of the Debtor and his estate, its creditors and other parties in interest.¹⁶

These rulings are final and binding, particularly in view of Stoller's dismissed and unsuccessful appeals. See Washington Group Int'l, Inc. v. Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC, 383 F.3d 633, 636-37 (7th Cir. 2004) (issue preclusion applied where bankruptcy court had already ruled on invalidity of lien); see also Montana v. United States, 440 U.S. 147, 153-154 (1979) ("To preclude parties from contesting matters that they have had a full and fair opportunity to litigate protects their adversaries from the expense and vexation attending multiple lawsuits, conserves judicial resources, and fosters reliance on judicial action by minimizing the possibility of inconsistent decisions.").

¹⁶ Zeller Dec., Exh. 1 at 2-3 (August 8, 2007 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets).

II. FURTHER RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COURT

While Google respectfully submits that the questions raised by the Court's Orders are superseded as discussed above, Google also provides the following discussion of the substance of the questions raised by the Court.

With respect to the question of when the claims in this lawsuit arose, Google's position is, and always has been, that the claims at issue here arose after Stoller petitioned for bankruptcy on December 20, 2005 (the "Petition Date"). On August 18, 2006, Google moved for an order from the Bankruptcy Court that leave was not needed to bring this action because the claims at issue fell outside the scope of the automatic stay in the bankruptcy proceeding (the "Motion"). ¹⁷ In the Motion, Google argued that the acts constituting false advertising all occurred after the Petition Date.¹⁸ Google also argued that the RICO claim did not accrue, and could not have been brought, before the Petition Date because Google had not suffered damage until after the Petition Date, and the second predicate act targeting Google to establish the minimum requirements for a RICO claim on which Google could sue did not occur until after the Petition Date. 19 In addition, Google argued that the unfair competition claim did not arise until after Google discovered its injury, which was also after the Petition Date.²⁰ It was only in the alternative that Google's Motion sought an order from the Bankruptcy Court for a modification of the automatic stay for cause so that Google could bring the instant suit in the event that the Bankruptcy Court disagreed that Google's claims arose post-petition as Google argued and decided that the automatic stay applied to Google's claims.²¹

The Bankruptcy Court entered an order ruling on the Motion on January 19, 2007. The Court did not find that Google's claims arose before the Petition Date and therefore were outside the scope of the automatic stay, but rather found that there was cause to modify the automatic stay to allow Google to bring this action.²² Accordingly, although it has always been Google's view that the claims at issue here arose after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court at least implicitly came to a different conclusion.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 15.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 4-5.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 5-8.

²⁰ *Id.* at 8.

²¹ *Id.* at 9-15.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 16.

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In addition, the Bankruptcy Court placed the bankruptcy estate -- which included the stock in, and assets held by, the corporate entity Defendants -- under the control of the Trustee by converting Stoller's bankruptcy from a Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 7 case on September 1, 2006²³ and by recognizing the Trustee as the shareholder of the Defendants on October 5, 2006²⁴ -- several months before the Complaint in this action was filed on January 19, 2007. The Bankruptcy Court also subsequently approved the Trustee's settlement of Google's claims against the corporate entity Defendants and accordingly recognized the propriety of the Trustee's representation of those entities in this additional manner.²⁵ Thus, to further address the substance of the Court's questions, based on these decisions of the Bankruptcy Court as well as its rulings on Google's Motion, the Trustee originally was the proper representative of the Defendants. Indeed, given the posture of those rulings, and given that they cannot be challenged in this proceeding as discussed above, the only proper conclusion at the time was that the Trustee was the appropriate representative of the Defendants in this action.

DATED: September 30, 2009 Respectfully submitted,

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Zeller Dec., Exh. 19.

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Plaintiff,) Hon, Virginia M. Kendall
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Defendants	\(\)

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL T. ZELLER IN SUPPORT OF POSITION BRIEF

I, Michael T. Zeller, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the bar of the State of Illinois, New York and California and a partner of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP, attorneys for plaintiff Google Inc. ("Google"). I make this declaration of personal, firsthand knowledge, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets, entered on August 8, 2007 by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Bankruptcy Court") in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets, entered on August 8, 2007 by the Bankruptcy Court in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. III.).
- 4. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the Assignment of all of the stock and assets in the corporate entity defendants Central Mfg. Inc. and Stealth Industries, Inc., to The

Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (the "SPTA") in the bankruptcy proceeding *In* re Leo Stoller, Case No. 5 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).

- 5. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of an email from Lance G. Johnson of the SPTA to Leo Stoller ("Stoller") dated August 20, 2007.
- 6. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of Stoller's Notice of Appeal, filed on August 10, 2007 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 7. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the October 1, 2007 minute entry in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), the Honorable William J. Hibbler presiding, dismissing Stoller's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets.
- 8. Attached as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the April 24, 2009 Order in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), denying Stoller's motion to reinstate the appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets.
- 9. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of the May 8, 2009 Order in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), denying Stoller's motion to appeal *in forma pauperis*.
- 10. Attached as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of Stoller's Notice of Filing and Notice of Appeal, filed on May 22, 2009 in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.).
- 11. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice, dated May 28, 2009 and filed in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.). A search conducted on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal's PACER website resulted in no matches for the appeal number 09-2385, listed in the May 28, 2009 Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice.
- 12. Attached as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of the Docket, as of September 29, 2009, for *In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.).

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- 13. Attached as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board's ("TTAB") June 26, 2008 Order in Cancellation No. 92045778; May 20, 2008 Order in Opposition No. 91167086; and June 19, 2008 Order in Opposition No. 91167658.
- 14. Attached as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of the profile of Central Mfg. Inc. on the Delaware Secretary of State website, as of September 2, 2009.
- 15. Attached as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of the profile of Stealth Industries, Inc. on the Delaware Secretary of State website, as of September 2, 2009.
- 16. Attached as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of Google's Motion For Order Declaring Proposed Suit To Be Outside Scope Of Stay, Or, In The Alternative, Modifying Stay, filed on August 18, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 17. Attached as Exhibit 16 is a true and correct copy of the Order Granting Motion For Order Declaring Proposed Suit To Be Outside Scope Of Stay Or, In The Alternative, Modifying Stay [Docket No. 113], entered on January 19, 2007 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 18. Attached as Exhibit 17 is a true and correct copy of the Order Converting Chapter 13 Case to a Case Under Chapter 7, *nunc pro tunc* August 31, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 19. Attached as Exhibit 18 is a true and correct copy of the Order Authorizing The Trustee To Act On Behalf Of Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations And Related Relief, entered on October 5, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).

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20. Attached as Exhibit 19 is a true and correct copy of the Order Approving Trustee's Agreement With Google, Inc. To Modify Stay And Compromise Certain Claims Of Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations And Related Relief, entered on December 5, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 30, 2009, at Los Angeles, California.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:)		
LEO STOLLER,) Case No. 05 B 64075		
Debtor.	Honorable Jack B. Schmettere		

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER APPROVING SALE OF DEBTOR'S ASSETS

Upon consideration of the motion (the "Sale Motion") of Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee herein (the "Trustee"), pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 6004 and 9006, for authority to sell the Debtors' Assets for \$7,500, or such higher amounts as may be realized through competitive bidding, and for related relief, it appearing to the Court as follows:

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that:

- A. Findings and Conclusions stated following hearings on July 24, 2007 and August 7, 2007, and the findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 9014.
- B. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.
- C. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Sale Motion and the APA.
- D. Notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing has been given in accordance with Sections 102(1) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 2002, 6004, 9006, 9007, and 9008, the local rules of this Court, the Sale Procedures Order, and the

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APA. The foregoing notice constitutes good and sufficient notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing, and no other or further notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, the Sale Hearing or the entry of this Order need be given.

- E. A reasonable opportunity has been afforded any interested party to make a higher or better offer for the Assets during the Auction within the time period ordered or to object and be heard regarding the Sale Motion.
- F. Sound business reasons exist for the Trustee's sale of the Assets pursuant to the APA. Entry into the APA and the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby constitute the exercise by the Trustee's of sound business judgment and such acts are in the best interests of the Debtor, his estate and its creditors. Two major creditors supported the Trustee's Motion; no creditor opposed it.
- G. Based on the results of the Auction, the Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC or its respective designees (collectively, the "Purchaser") made the only offer received for the Assets within the time period ordered, which offer was in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- H. The sale consideration to be realized by the Debtor's estate pursuant to the APA is fair and reasonable since it was the only valid offer received.
- I. The APA and the transactions contemplated by the APA were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Trustee and the Purchaser at arm's length, without collusion and in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Auction conducted in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order entered on June 1, 2007, was conducted in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee and the Purchaser are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to all aspects of the APA.

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- J. The Purchase Price under the APA is fair and reasonable and is sufficient value for the Assets, since it was the only valid offer received. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the APA is in the best interests of the Debtor and his estate, its creditors and other parties in interest.
- K. In the absence of a stay pending appeal, the Purchaser will be acting in good faith pursuant to Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in closing the transactions contemplated by the APA attack, time on or before Targust 77, 2007.
- L. The Court incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the additional findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth on the record of the Auction and Sale Hearing.

For all of the foregoing and after due deliberation, the Court ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES THAT:

- The Sale Motion, the APA, the Auction, and the transactions contemplated thereby are hereby approved.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized to sell the Assets to the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the APA.
- 3. The Trustee and the Purchaser are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents and instruments that the Trustee or the Purchaser deem necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA.
- 4. The Sale of the Assets to the Purchaser shall be free and clear of all liens and all other claims whatsoever pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, liens and claims of any of the Debtor's creditors, vendors, suppliers, employees or lessors, and the Purchaser shall not be liable in any way (as a successor to the Debtor or otherwise) for any claims that any of the foregoing or any other third party may have against the Debtor or the Assets. Any and all alleged liens and claims on the Assets shall be transferred, affixed, and attached to the proceeds of the Sale, with the same validity, priority, force, and effect as such liens had been upon such property immediately prior to the Closing.

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- 5. Subject to the payment by the Purchaser to the Trustee of the consideration provided for in the APA, effective as of the Closing, the sale of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser shall constitute a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets and shall vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtor (and the Trustee and the Estate) in and to the Assets, free and clear of all liens pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein, if it is established after the Closing that the Debtor transferred the Stock to a third-party transferee, and such transfer may be avoided by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee shall commence and prosecute such adversary proceeding(s) against such transferee(s) as may be necessary to avoid such transfers.
- 7. The sale of the Assets to the Purchaser under the APA will constitute a transfer for reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and the laws of the State of Illinois. The transfer of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser is a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets notwithstanding any requirement for approval or consent of any person.
- 8. The Purchaser is hereby granted and is entitled to the protections provided to a good-faith purchaser under Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, all Persons served with a copy of this Order are enjoined from taking any action against the Purchaser or the Assets to recover any claim which such Person had solely against the Debtor or the Assets.
- 10. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7062, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and its provisions shall be self-executing.
- 11. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction through the earlier of dismissal or closing of the Debtor's case to interpret and enforce the provisions of the APA, the Sale Procedures Order, and this Order in all respects and further to hear and determine all matters arising from the construction or implementation of this Order or the APA and any and all

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- 12. The provisions of this Order are nonseverable and mutually dependent.
- 13. This Order shall inure to the benefit of the Purchaser, the Trustee, and their respective successors and assigns and shall be binding upon any trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary that may be appointed in connection with this case or any other or further cases involving the Debtor, whether under Chapter 7, Chapter 11 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency, department or entity may accept the filing of any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to implement, effectuate or consummate the transactions contemplated by the APA and this Order.
- 15. The Trustee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all instruments as may be required to effectuate the terms of the APA and this Order. The Trustee and each other person having duties or responsibilities under the APA, any agreements related thereto or this Order, and their respective members, directors, officers, general partners, agents, representatives, and attorneys, are authorized and empowered subject to the terms and conditions contained in the APA and the schedules annexed thereto to carry out all of the provisions of the APA and any related agreements; to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, the documents evidencing and consummating the APA, and any related agreements; to take any and all actions contemplated by the APA, any related agreements or this Order; and to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, such other contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, mortgages, deeds, bills of sale, assignments, leases, or other agreements or documents and to

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- 17. The APA and any related agreements may be modified, amended or supplemented by APA of the Trustee and the Purchaser without further action of the Court; <u>provided</u> that any such modification, amendment or supplement is not material and substantially conforms to and effectuates the APA.
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19. This Order is not intended to, nor shall it, amend, expand or increase the rights, obligations or responsibilities of the parties to the APA.

Jank B. Schmetterer Onted States Bankruptcy Judge

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Entered this day of August 2007.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:)
LEO STOLLER,) Case No. 05 B 64075
Debtor.	}
	Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer

ORDER APPROVING SALE OF DEBTOR'S ASSETS

Pursuant to Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law made this date, the Court ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES THAT:

- 1. The Sale Motion, the APA, the Auction, and the transactions contemplated thereby are hereby approved.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized to sell the Assets to the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the APA.
- 3. The Trustee and the Purchaser are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents and instruments that the Trustee or the Purchaser deem necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA,
- 4. The Sale of the Assets to the Purchaser shall be free and clear of all liens and all other claims whatsoever pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, liens and claims of any of the Debtor's creditors, vendors, suppliers, employees or lessors, and the Purchaser shall not be liable in any way (as a successor to the Debtor or otherwise) for any claims that any of the foregoing or any other third party may have against the Debtor or the Assets. Any and all alleged liens and claims on the Assets shall be transferred, affixed, and attached to the proceeds of the Sale, with the same validity, priority, force, and effect as such liens had been upon such property immediately prior to the Closing.

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Jacob B. Schmettercr United States Bankruptcy Judge

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BRIEF: ASSIGNS THE ENTIRE INTEREST AND THE GOODWILL

ASSIGNOR:

RICHARD M. FOGEL

DOC DATE: 08/20/2007

CITIZENSHIP: UNITED STATES

ENTITY: Trustee

ASSIGNEE:

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF

TRADEMARK ABUSE, LLC

10560 MAIN STREET, SUITE 220

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030

CITIZENSHIP:

ENTITY: Limited Liability Company

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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment ("Assignment") is made effective as of August 20, 2007 from Richard M. Fogel ("Assignor" or "Trustee"), not individually, but solely as the trustee of the chapter 7 bankruptcy estate (the "Estate") of Leo D. Stoller ("Debtor"), to The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC ("Assignee"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and having an office at 10560 Main Street, Suite 220, Fairfax, VA 22030:

WHEREAS, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on December 22, 2005 (the "Petition Date") and Debtor's bankruptcy case is currently pending as Case No. 05 B 64075 before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Court").

WHEREAS as of the Petition Date, the Debtor owned or claimed an interest in certain intellectual property, including but not limited to, registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks along with the underlying goodwill of whatever business or arrangement may use such marks(the "Marks") and licenses for certain Marks (the "Licenses"), and claims asserted by the Debtor in connection with the Marks and/or the Licenses through lawsuits for alleged damages and/or infringement, trademark oppositions, and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeals Board (the "Claims"); which interests and ownership the Debtor claimed either directly or through one or more proprietorships, including, but not limited to, Central Mfg. Co. (whether or not designated as a Delaware corporation, stock holding company, or assumed name for Central Mfg. Inc.), Central Manufacturing Company Inc., Rentamark, Stealth, and Stealth Licensing;

WHEREAS as of the Petition Date, the Debtor owned all of the stock (the "Stock") of the following incorporated entities: Central Mfg. Inc. ("Central"), Stealth Industries Inc. ("Stealth"), Sentra Industries Inc. ("Sentra"), S Industries Inc. ("S") and USA Sports Co. Inc. ("USA" and, collectively with Central, Stealth, Sentra and S (the "Corporations") which own or claim an interest in certain intellectual property in addition to the Marks and the Licenses and have asserted certain claims for alleged damages and/or infringements in addition to the Claims;

WHEREAS because there is a question as to whether the Debtor has fully disclosed to the Court the extent and nature of his interests in the Marks, Licenses, Claims and Stock (collectively, whether known or unknown, disclosed by the Debtor or undisclosed by the Debtor, the "Assets"), there exists the possibility that the scope and nature of Assets known to the Trustee is incomplete;

WHEREAS the Court has held that, pursuant to the provisions of section 541(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Assets are property of the Estate and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(e);

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to convey, transfer, assign, deliver, and contribute to Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest in and to the Assets, whether known or unknown to the Trustee, in "as is" and "where is" condition without claim or warranty of validity, enforceability or factual support associated with either; and Assignee's desires to receive the Assets under said conditions;

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2007, the Court entered an order (the "Sale Order") that approved the Trustee's sale of the Assets to Assignee and approved his entry into the transaction contemplated and evidenced herein and as of the date of this Assignment, no order of the Court, or any applicable appellate court has been entered prohibiting or otherwise staying the effect of the Sale Order, the Trustee's execution of this Assignment or the transfer of the Estate's right, title and interest in the Assets to the Assignee;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby conveys, transfers, assigns, delivers, and contributes to Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest of whatever kind in and to the Assets. Without limiting the extent of the Assets as defined in the recitals set forth above, the

- the registrations and unregistered common law rights associated with the known Marks listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, together with the goodwill of any business symbolized thereby in connection with the goods on which the Marks may have been, are, may be, or will be used and, whether known or unknown to the
 - (b) all Marks or Claims, whether known or unknown to the Trustee
- the goodwill of any business relating to the products or services upon which the Marks may have been, are, may be, or will be used and for which they are registered;
- all income royalties and damages hereafter due or payable to the Estate with respect to the Marks, including but not limited to any damages or other payments for past infringements and misappropriation of the Marks and all rights to sue on account of such
- all Licenses, whether known or unknown to the Trustee, that were granted to or taken by the Debtor from any third parties associated with any claim of a Mark, including the right to receive any royalties associated therewith or benefit of use that would otherwise inure to any licensor of any such Mark right (known licenses are listed in Exhibit B);
- the right to recover past damages for any infringement of any Mark for any of the Marks conveyed herein;
- all Claims that involve or relate to any pending proceeding before a U.S. federal court or the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Trademark Trial and Appeals Board; and
 - (g) all of the Estate's right, title and interest in the Stock.

Assignor further covenants that it will execute all documents, papers, forms and authorizations and take all other actions that may be necessary for securing, completing, or vesting in Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest in the Assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has duty executed under seal and delivered this Assignment, as of the day and year first above written.

Richard M. Fogel, not individually but as trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Leo D. Stoller, case no. 05 B 64075 (Bankr. N.D. Ill.)

By Richard M. Fogel, trustee

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State Of Illinois)
County of Cook

On August 20, 2007 before me, Heather under Notary Public, personally appeared RICHARD M. FOGEL, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
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NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:05/23/09

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73793505	1608361 (7/31/90)	S	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, SPORT RACQUETS, INCLUDING TENNIS, SQUASH AND BADMINTON: GOLF CLIES. GOLF RALLS

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HEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS; CROSS BOWS; TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS; SPORTS BALLS AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19880400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880400	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS - NAMELY, TENNIS, RACQUETBALL, SQUASH, AND BADMINTON; GOLF CLUBS; GOLF BALLS; TENNIS BALLS; SPORTS BALLS - NAMELY, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCERBALL AND VOLLEYBALL; CROSSBOWS; TENNIS RACQUET STRING; AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19880111, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 10000111	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS, INCLUDING TENNIS RACKETS, RACQUETS, BALLRACQUET, SQUASH, BADMINTON, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, SPORTS BALLS, INCLUDING BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCERBALL, VOLLEYBALLS, CROSSBOWS, TENNIS RACQUET STRING, AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19850110. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:	IC 032. US 048. G & S. beer. FIRST USE: 19930929. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19030020	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S. clocks and watches.
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Word Mark Gurrent Owner Class Goods (Date of Assign) 19820200	DARK STAR CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) DARK STAR CENTRAL MFG. CHARAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CO. (7729/98) CO. (7729/98) CO. (7729/98) CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CENTRAL MFG. CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7729/98) CO.	DARK STAR CO. (7/29/98) Idia jewelry; ornamental lapel pins. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	SENTRA CENTRAL MFG. 36 and insurance consultation. FIRST USE: 19931000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19931000
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G & S: postcards, posters, campus maps, greeting cards, stationery, message and memo pads, checkbook covers, calendars, book marks, notebooks, letter openers, pencils, pens, desk sets, bumper stickers, decals, iron-on heat transfers, bank checks, dictionaries, wrapping paper, comic magazines and books, photographic albums, pen and pencil cases, paper folders, game books, coloring books, sheets of music, playing cards, printed invitations, scribble pads, diaries, diary covers, paperweights, syndicated newspaper and magazine cartoon features, drawing rulers, ungraduated rulers, looseleaf binders, erasers, pencil sharpeners, paper coasters, paper hats, paper party hats, bulletin boards, highlighter pens, water globe paperweights, pocket secretaries, agenda books, staplers, book covers, paintings, joke books, autograph books, paper tablecloths, amouncement cards, bookends, ring binders, report covers, series of fictional books, children's fictional storybooks. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: series of television and radio programs about science fiction; musical entertainment services by a vocal group; arcade service for video amusement games; organizing and conducting sporting events for tennis and golf; amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; conducting aerobatic
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E A – TRADEMAR	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)
SCHEDI	Word Mark	DARK STAR	DARK STAR
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	Serial No.	75129210	75154346

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HEDULE A - TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	competitions; educational services, namely, providing workshops, lectures, courses and group instruction in trademark licensing. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S: tote bags, book bags, all purpose sport bags, duffel bags, beach bags, backpacks, umbrellas, handbags, purses, wallets, luggage, leather key fobs, suitcases, walking sticks, riding whips, leather traveling bags, leather key cases, briefcase-type portfolios, attache cases, business card cases, travel bags, sold empty, credit card cases, passport cases, travel bags, shaving bags sold empty, billfolds, cosmetic cases sold empty, garment bags for travel, luggage tags, knapsacks, clutch bags, stadium tote bags, coin purses, vanity cases sold empty. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100.	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S: motorcycles, bicycles, boats, tires. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE.	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: pool cues, pool tables, darts, billiard balls, cue cases, cue racks, billiard gloves. FIRST USE: 19810100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810100
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JE A – TRADEMAI	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)
SCHEDUI	Word Mark		DARK STAR	DARK STAR	FIRE POWER
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)		2081347 (7/22/97)	2081565 (7/22/97)	2097863 (9/16/97
	Serial No.		75129214	75152224	75203742

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Serial No.	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)	Word Mark	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	Class Goods
75124411	2119118 (12/9/97)	LOVE YOUR BODY	Stoller, Leo D. DBA Sentra Sporting Goods USA Co.	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: clothing, namely, men's, women's, boy's and girl's pants, shirts, shorts, legwarmers, bras, parties, socks, hosiery, jackets, coats, dresses, bathing suits, warm-up suits, T-shirts, blouses, shirts, underwear, hats, headbands, lingerie, body suits, and shoes. FIRST USE: 19831001. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19831001
75219634	2127199 (1/6/98)	DARK STAR	CENTRAL MFG. 3 CO. (7/27/98)	IC 003. US 001 004 006 050 051 052. G & S: laundry bleach; laundry detergent; all-purpose cleaning preparations; floor polish; furniture polish; chrome polish; scouring liquids; general purpose scouring powder; skin abrasive preparations; skin soap; perfume; cologne; essential oils for personal use; hair lotion; dentifrices; suntan lotion and oil; shaving cream; after-shave lotion; cosmetics, namely, lipstick, eye shadow, toner, makeup, blush, rouge, lip gloss. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE
75219633	2128798 (1/13/98)	DARK STAR	CENTRAL MFG. 2 CO. (7/27/98)	IC 002. US 006 011 016. G & S: mordants for use in the area of pipelines; varnish; colorants for use in the manufacture of paint; colorants for use in the manufacture of cosmetics; corrosion inhibiting paint type coatings for commercial marine use; house paint; exterior paint; interior paint; paint primers; paint for use in the manufacture of furniture; paint for artists; paint for concrete floors; paint for industrial equipment and machinery; paint for model airplanes, model cars and the like; wood preservatives; rust preservatives in the nature of a coating; natural resins for

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS Aark Gurrent Owner Class Goods Goods	suits; socks; sport shoes; sunsuits; sun visors; suspenders; sweatbands; sweat pants; sweat shirts; sweat shorts; sweaters; swimwear; swimsuits; T-shirts; tank tops; tennis shirts; ties; tights; tracksuits; underwear; vests; walking shorts; wind resistant jackets; workpants; wrist bands. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S. audio cassettes, audio tapes, audio discs, and phonograph records all featuring science fiction matter; video discs, motion picture films, and prerecorded videotapes, all featuring animated works about science fiction matter; binoculars, calculators; blank audio cassettes; blank video cassettes; air tanks for use in scuba diving; electric irons; electronic flying insect light traps, electronic garage door locks; eyeglasses and sunglasses and frames there for; cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; life jackets; life belts; life nets; decorative refrigerator magnets; slide projectors; photographic slide transparencies; photographic video cameras and lenses there for; radios; safety goggles; telephones; telescopes; electronic calendars, namely, handheld personal electronic devices for scheduling appointments. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: toys and sporting goods, namely, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, golf balls, cross bows, tennis racket strings and [badminton] shuttlecocks, toy airplanes, hobby craft kits [for building toy airplanes,] toy building structures, and toy bicycles [not intended for riding,] pool cues, pool tables, darts, billiard balls, [billiard] cue cases, [billiard] cue racks, billiard gloves, fishing rods, hockey sticks, hockey pucks, ping pong paddles, ping pong balls. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN	IC 002. US 006 011 016. G & S: mordants for use in the area of construction; varnish; colorants for use in the manufacture of paint; colorants for use in the manufacture of cosmetics; corrosion inhibiting paint coatings for commercial marine use; house paint; exterior paint; interior paint; paint primers; paint for use in the manufacture of furniture; paint for artists; paint for concrete floors; paint for industrial equipment and machinery; paint for model airplanes, model cars and the like; wood preservatives; rust preservatives in the nature of a coating; natural resins for use in the manufacture of adhesives; shellac and lacquer for use as a surface coating; metals in foil and powder for painters, decorators, printers and artists. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE; 19860100
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CE A – TRADEMAR	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/9/98)
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	Reg. Number (Date of	2138806 (2/24/98)	2140524 (3/3/98)
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Serial No.	Reg Number (Date of	Word Mark	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	Class	Class Goods
75787559	2371075 (7/25/00)	RENTAMARK	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	42	IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Licensing of Intellectually Property. FIRST USE: 19940100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19940100
76053720	2603567 (8/6/02)	IGLOO STEALTH	Igloo Products Corp.	21	IC 021. US 002 013 023 029 030 033 040 050. G & S: Thermally insulated tote bags for food and beverages and thermally insulated portable beverages dispensers, distributed in food service channels of trade to food service distributors. FIRST USE: 19991014. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19991014
76215378	2847148 (6/1/04)	HAVOC RACING	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (10/3/03)	25	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S. Motorists clothing, consisting of shirts, jerseys and hats. FIRST USE: 20001103. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20001103
78114518	2859897 (7/6/04)	BP STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (1/21/03)	12	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S: Bicycle parts, namely, brakes, chains, handle bars, tubes and connectors for bicycle frames, change speed gears. FIRST USE: 19990101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19991201
73551893	1381612 (2/04/86)	STRADIVARIUS	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S: TENNIS RACQUETS, GOLF BALLS, GOLF CLUBS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19800218. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19800218
73552023	1382504 (2/11/86)	TIRADE	CENTRAL MFG CO. (1/11/06)	22	IC 028. US 022. G & S: TENNIS RACQUETS, GOLF BALLS, GOLF CLUBS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS AND

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19810400. FIRST USE	IC 025. US 039. G & S. CLOTHINGNAMELY, MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOYS AND GIRLS', PANTS, SHIRTS, SHORTS, LEGWARMERS, BRAS, PANTIES, SOCKS, HOSIERY, JACKETS, COATS, DRESSES, BATHING SUITS, WARM-UP SUITS, T-SHIRTS, BLOUSES, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, HATS, HEADBANDS, LINGERIE, BODY SUITS AND SHOES. FIRST USE: 19810310. FIRST INCOMMEDICE. 19810310.	IC 012. US 019. G & S: BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND BOATS. FIRST USE: 19820100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820100	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, RACQUETS FOR TENNIS, SQUASH AND BADMINTON, GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS; CROSS BOWS; TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS, SPORTS BALLS AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19880400 FIPST 11ST IN COMMENCE.	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS, NAMELY TENNIS RACQUETS, RACQUETS, SQUASH RACQUETS, BADMINTON RACQUETS; GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, SPORTS BALLS, NAMELY RASKETRALIS
XKS AI	Class		25	12	28	28
JE A – TRADEMAJ	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG CO. (9/1/97)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (9/1/97)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (9/1/97)
SCHEDUL	Word Mark		WHITE LINE FEVER	STEALTH	TRILLIUM	PHALANX
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg).		1389167 (4/8/86)	1434642 (3/31/87)	1553032 (8/22/89)	1564755 (11/7/89)
	Serial No.		73552025	73618743	73776184	73771240

SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Mark Current Owner Class Goods	BASEBALLS, FOOTBALLS, SOCCERBALLS, VOLLEYBALLS; CROSSBOWS, TENNIS RACQUET STRING AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19880110. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880110.	CENTRAL MFG 28	IUM CENTRAL MFG 6 INDUSTRIES. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100.	CENTRAL MFG CO. (Cewiral MFC CO) (4/7/98)	19840308. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19840308
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	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)		1564756 (11/7/89)	1581051 (2/06/90)	1615004 (9/25/90)	
	Serial No.		73773213	73767454	73778877	

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EDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: computers, calculators, radios and photographic apparatus, namely, cameras and lenses; optical apparatus, namely, binoculars and telescopes. FIRST USE: 19821200. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19821200.	IC 009. US 026. G & S: automobile-mounted radar detectors sold only in the consumer channel of trade. FIRST USE: 19901031 FIRST USE IN COMPUSED CE. 19001031	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: athletic shoes, cloth baby bibs, bandannas, baseball caps, baseball shirts, blouses, baby buntings, caps, casual pants, casual shoes, swaddling clothes, collars, cover-alls, dress shirts, dresses, garter belts, gloves, golf shirts, gym shirts, handkerchiefs, hats, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jumpers, knit shirts, leg warmers, lingerie, mittens, neckties, negligees, painter's caps, pajamas, parkas, polo-type shirts, ponchos, robes, ruming shoes, ruming shorts, scarves, shirts, shawls, shoes, shorts, ski jackets, skirts, slacks, sleepwear, slips, snowmobile suits, slocks, sports shoes, sunsuits, sun visors, suspenders, sweatbands, sweat pants, sweat shirts, sweat shorts, sweaters, swimwear, swimsuits, T-shirts, tank tops, tennis shirts, ties, tights, tracksuits, underwear, vests, walking shorts, wind resistant jackets, workpants, wrist bands. FIRST USE: 19860100.	IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S. financial planning; investment management: increases
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E A – TRADEMAI	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	COBRA ELECTRONICS CORPORATION	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/27/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/27/98)
SCH	Word Mark	STRADIVARIUS	STEALTH	DARK STAR	DARK STAR
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)	2063283 (5/20/97)	2074780 (7/1/97)	2083721	2110838 (11/4/97)
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Number Word Mark (Date of Assign) Gass (Beg)	USE: 19880100, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	14 (1/6/98) STAR LITE CO. (9/1/97) CENTRAL MFG. 6 (1/6/98) CO. (9/1/97) CO. (9/1/97) CO. (9/1/97) CO. (9/1/97) FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100.	2128940 AIR FRAME CENTRAL MFG. (1/13/98) 12	2227069 STEALTH CEWIRAL MFG 36 CO (10/30/01)	2264631 (7/27/99) TRIANA CENTRAL MFG. 41	2264642 TRIANA CENTRAL MFG. 12 CO.
	Reg. Number (Date of		2126933 (1/6/98)	2128940	2227069	2264631	2264642 (7/27/97)
	Serial No.		75180414	75228505	75206799	75469776	75470988

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ND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Entertainment in the nature of a series of television and radio programs about science fiction; Entertainment, namely, live performances by a musical vocal group; Amusement video arcades; Organizing and conducting exhibition sporting events for tennis and golf; Amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; Entertainment in the nature of competitions in the field of aerobatics; Educational services, namely, providing workshops, lectures, courses and group instruction in trademark licensing. FIRST USE: 19870600.	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S: tie fasteners. FIRST USE: 19981031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19981031	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S: tie fasteners. FIRST USE: 19981031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19981031	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: toys and sporting goods, namely, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, billiard balls, golf balls, footballs, cross bows, tennis racket strings, Badminton shuttlecocks, pool cue, pool tables, darts, pool cue cases, pool cue rack, billiard gloves, toy airplanes, toy BB guns, roller skates, hobby craft kits comprised of parts for assembly of toy airplanes and space craft, board games, toy building structures, toy bicycles, action figures, fishing rods, fishing reels, fishing line bobbers. FIRST USE: 19870600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870600
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	CENTRAL MFG CO (11/28/01)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (3/30/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.
	Word Mark	TRIANA	STEALTH	SENTRA	TRIANA
	Reg. Number (Date of	2266783 (8/3/99)	2272891 (8/24/99)	2273229 (8/31/99)	2287397 (10/19/99)
	Serial No.	75469775	75338586	75143090	75469777

D SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	Audiocassettes, prerecorded audio tapes, audio discs, and phonograph records all featuring science fiction stories; Video discs, motion picture films, and prerecorded videotapes, all featuring animated works about science fiction subjects; binoculars, calculators; blank audio cassettes; blank video cassettes; blank computer discs; air tanks for use in scuba diving; computer disc drivers; computer monitors; computer fax modem cards; electric irons; electronic flying insect light traps, electronic garage door locks; eyeglasses and sunglasses and frames therefor; cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; electronic metal locks; electric laundry irons; computers; computer goods, namely, printers, disc drives, keyboards, and floppy disk storage cases; computer software for use in database management; motion picture films in the nature of science fiction; laser printers; life jackets; life brojectors; photographic slide transparencies; photographic video cameras and lenses therefor; radios; safety goggles; telephones; telescopes; electronic calendars, namely, handheld personal electronic devices for scheduling appointments. FIRST USE:	IC 040. US 100 103 106. G & S. manufacture and assembly of firearms to the order and the specification of others. FIRST USE: 19950801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:										
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG.	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)										
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	Reg. Number (Date of	2320324 (2/22/00)	2325053 (3/7/00)										
	Serial No.	75469860	74735867										

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75203741	2439735 (4/3/01)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: radios and speakers for automobiles, stereo speaker boxes, tape recorders, tape players and portable stereos. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 10860100
75019143	2478742 (8/21/01)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: computer application software for creating databases, blank video film and video tapes, safety goggles, radios, photographic and video cameras. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN
75932731	2497857 (10/16/01)	STEALTH SPRAY	CENTRAL MFG CO (8/14/01)	28	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: hunters' scent camouflage. FIRST USE: 19990201. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19990201
75932736	2497858 (10/16/01)	STEALTH SOAP	CENTRAL MFG CO (8/14/01)	28	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: hunters' scent camouflage. FIRST USE: 19990201. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19990201
75010278	2505698 (11/13/08)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG CO (11/9/01; 9/23/03)	11	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & S: motion activated electric lighting fixtures. FIRST USE: 19950715. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19950715
74734680	2523745 (1/1/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	26	and fasteners for use in connection with backpacks, tote bags, sporting goods and foul weather gear and apparel and other similar articles. FIRST USE: 19960825. FIRST USE
74726073	2551385 (3/26/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: electric locks for garage doors. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100

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Serial No	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)	Word Mark	Current Owner Class Goods	Class	
75157566	2576910 (6/11/02)	DARK STAR	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/27/98)	11	fixtures; refrigerators; refrigerated shipping containers; refrigerated shipping containers; refrigerated merchandise display cases; refrigerated beverage dispensing units; ventilating fans for commercial use; ventilating fans for industrial use; ventilating louvers; oven ventilator hoods; charcoal burning barbecue grills. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100
75499347	2627054 (10/01/02)	TRIANA	CENTRAL MFG.	25	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: Athletic Shoes, Baby Cloth Bibs, Bandannas, Baseball Caps, Baseball Shirts, Blouses, Baby Buntings, Caps, Casual Pants, Casual Shoes, Collarettes, Cover-Alls, Dress Shirts, Dresses, Garters Belts, Gloves, Golf Shirts, Gym Shirts, Hats, Hosiery, Jackets, Jams, Jeans, Jumpers, Knit Shirts, Leg Warmers, Lingerie, Mittens, Neckties, Negligees, Painter's Caps, Pajamas, Parkas, Polo-Type Shirts, Ponchos, Pram Suits, Robes, Running Shoes, Running Shoes, Running Shorts, Scarves, Shirts, Sheat Shorts, Skirts, Slacks, Shees, Sun Swimsuits, Sun Visors, Suspenders, Sweatbands, Sweat Shirts, Sweat Shorts, Sweaters, Swimwear, Swimsuits, Tank Tops, Tennis Shirts, Ties, Tights, Training suits, Underwear, Vests, Walking Shorts, Winderesistant jackets, Workpants, Wrist Bands. FIRST USE: 19870100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870100

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	2629600 (10/08/00)	TRIANA	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	18	IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S. Tote Bags, Book Bags, All Purpose Sport Bags, Duffel Bags, Beach Bags, Backpacks, Umbrellas, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Luggage, Leather Key Fobs, Suitcases, Walking Sticks, Riding Whips, Leather Traveling Bags, Leather Key Cases, Briefcase-Type Portfolios, Attache Cases, Business Card Cases, Toiletry Cases sold empty, Credit Card Cases, Travel Bags, Shaving Bags sold empty, Billfolds, Cosmetic Cases sold empty, Garment Bags for Travel, Luggage Tags, Knapsacks, Clutch Bags, Coin Purses, Vanity Cases sold empty. FIRST USE: 19870500. FIRST USE IN
\smile	2636049 (10/15/02)	STEALTH	Lingual Orthodontics, Ltd.	10	IC 010. US 026 039 044. G & S. Orthodontic appliances, namely, orthodontic brackets, arch wires, lingual holding arches and hooks. FIRST USE: 20020328. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20020328.
<u> </u>	2641546 (10/29/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG CO (6/4/02)	7	IC 007. US 013 019 021 023 031 034 035. G & S: Baling machines for use in material recycling and waste material disposal. FIRST USE: 19990205. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19990205
	2657452 (12/10/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/10/98)	28	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: toys and sporting goods, namely, model airplane kits, toy boats, toy guns, toy robots, and toy soldiers. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100.

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76534200	2847015 (5/25/05)	TRAVEL NURSE	CENTRAL MFG. 35	IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Association services, namely, promoting the interests of medical professionals; career placement; arranging and conducting business conferences, accounting services; administration of cultural and educational exchange programs; advertising agencies, namely, promoting the services of medical professionals, investigations, creating corporate logos for others, creating corporate and brand identity; agencies for advertising time and space; business appraisals, consultation, information management for medical professionals, management and consultation, narketing and direct mail consulting services, meeting planning, networking, organizational consultation, planning, providing computer databases featuring trade information regarding medical professions, commercial information in the field of medical professions, computer services, namely, address change notification services; computerized database management, on-line retail services in the field of general merchandise, word processing; conducting business and market research surveys, employee
				incentive award programs to promote employee performance, marketing studies, trade shows in the field of medicine and general merchandise: convriont management
		· · · · · ·		consultation; creating trademarks for others; credit card registration; data processing services; demographic
				consultation; direct marketing advertising for others; displaying advertisements for others; dissemination of

advertising matter; doctor referrals; document reproduction; advertisements for others, preparing mailing lists; providing electronic billboard advertising, electronic catalog services featuring general merchandise, electronic retailing services organizing and conducting job fairs; personnel management management assistance, management of health care clinics line posting of rewards for information, on-line retail store advertising or sales promotion; news clipping services; onrelations information services, relocation and information, preparing advertisements for others, preparing and placing providing a web site which features advertisements for the review; hospital management; mail order catalog services executive search and placement services; health care cost line ordering services featuring general merchandise, onservices featuring general merchandise; operating on-line advertising for others via the Internet, dissemination of via computer featuring general merchandise; employee featuring general merchandise; mailing list preparation; goods, providing a web site whereby buyers of goods or for others; market analysis, research, research services; counseling and recruiting; employment verification; services locate and receive quotations from multiple consultation, placement and recruitment, relocation; a web site at which users can offers goods for sale, medical cost management, referrals. modeling for marketplaces for sellers of goods and/or services; SCHEDULE A - TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS (Date of Assign) Current Owner. Word Mark Date of Number Serial

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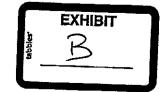
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STEALTH MOTORSPORTS, 12 L.L.C. STEALTH SUPERSPROX, 12 a.s. 12 CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98) 16 HAVOC D. SENTRA SENTRASONY SPORTING GOODS USA CO.	Serial- No.	Reg. Number (Date of	Word Mark	Current Owner (Pate of Assign)	Class	Spool
STEALTH SUPERSPROX, 12 a.s. 12 a.s. 12 a.s. 12 STEALTH CENTRAL MFG. 16 CO. (8/13/98) 16 HAVOC 25 SENTRASONY SPORTING GOODS USA CO. CO. 28 TERMINATOR CENTRAL MFG. 28	75565743		STEALTH	STEALTH MOTORSPORTS, L.L.C.	12	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S: RACING AUTOMOBILES AND STRUCTIONAL PARTS THEREFOR. FIRST USE: 19920801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19920801
HAVOC STEALTH CENTRAL MFG. 16 CO. (8/13/98) 16 HAVOC STOLLER, LEO D. SENTRA SPORTING GOODS USA CO. TERMINATOR CENTRAL MFG. 28 TERMINATOR CO. 1	79002422		STEALTH	SUPERSPROX, a.s.	12	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S: Sprocket wheels and transmission systems for land vehicles, particularly sprocket wheels for motorways obtains
HAVOC STOLLER, LEO D. SENTRA SPORTING GOODS USA CO. TERMINATOR CENTRAL MFG. 28	74327774		STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	16	IC 016. US 037. G & S: pens, pencils, drawing rulers, paper clips, rubber bands, memopads, adhesive tape for stationery or household use, non-electric erasers, snap-off blade cutter for cutting paper, pencil sharpener, fountain pens, ball point pens, stationery, namely, writing paper and envelopes, playing cards and comic books. FIRST USE: 19860100.
SENTRASONY SPORTING 28 GOODS USA CO. TERMINATOR CENTRAL MFG. 28	78214406		HAVOC		25	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: camouflage clothing, namely, shirts, jackets, pants, coveralls, hats, gloves, boots, face nets in the nature of a camouflage voil control.
TERMINATOR CENTRAL MFG. 28	73394754		SENTRASONY	STOLLER, LEO D. SENTRA SPORTING GOODS USA CO.	28	(ABANDONED) IC 028. US 022. G & S: TENNIS RACKETS. FIRST USE: 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901
parts for assembly of toy air	78069285		TERMINATOR	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	28	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: Billiard Balls, cross bows, pool cue, pool tables, billard gloves, toy airplanes, toy bb guns, roller skates, hobby craft kits comprised of parts for assembly of toy airplanes, space craft, board

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EDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	games, toy building structures, toy bicycles, action figures, fishing rods, fishing reels, fishing line bobbers, decoys for hunting. FIRST USE: 19860115. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860115	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Special event planning, training services in the field of trademark law, litigation and trademark licensing; amusement arcades, amusement parks featuring amusement rides and attractions, animal training, arranging and conducting education conferences, arranging ticket reservations for athletic competitions, shows and other entertainment events, educational testing, modeling for artists, motion picture theatres, movie studios, multimedia entertainment software for production services; music production services; news analysis and features distribution; news reporting services; officiating at sports contests; organizing community sporting and cultural events; photography services, physical fitness consultation, planetariums, portrait photography; preparing subtitles for movies and live theatrical events; production and distribution radio, television commercials and motion pictures, providing a computer game that may be accessed network wide by network users, providing continuing legal education courses and fitness and exercise facilities; providing information on-line relating to	computer games and computer enhancements for pames
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Stealth Industries, Inc., Industries, Inc., and Leo Stoller	S Puma USA, Inc.	Footwear				
Rentamark.com and Central Mfg. Co.	Bard Wyers Sports, Inc. and Impact Products, Inc.	Bicycle Carrier Models, Present and in the Future, including, but not limited to Hitch Carrier Designs, etc.				
Leo Stoller and S Industries, Inc.	Victor Stanzel Co.	Jet Toy Airplanes				
Rent-A-Mark	Raven Golf	Putters and Component Golf Clubs				
S Industries, Inc.	Great American Tool Company, Inc.	Cutlery and Cutlery Related Accessories Including Without Limitation, Knives and Knife Cleaning, Sharpening and Maintenance Devices				
Rent-A-Mark	TALICOR	Interactive Computer Game				
Stealth, Stealth Industries, Inc., S Industries, Inc., Central Offig. Co., and all other related companies either whed or operated by eo Stoller	Northrop Grumman Corporation	Paper Goods and Printed Matter, Namely, Non-Fiction Books, Posters, Lecture Pointers, Playing Cards, Book Covers, Binders, Paper Party Decorations, Envelopes, Greeting Cards, Paper Napkins, Paper Pads, Pencils, Pens, Postcards, Stationery, Writing Tablets and Gift Wrapping Paper; Toys and Sporting Goods, Namely, Airplane Models and Assembly Kits Therefore, Balloons, Beach Balls, Inflatable Ride-On Toys, Board Games, Pinball Machines, Poker Playing Chips, Playing Chips for Video Game Machines, Video Game Machines, Bathtub Toys and Play Wading Pools; Clothing, Namely, T- Shirts, Caps, Sweat Shirts, Sweat Pants, Sweat Suits, Jerseys, Blouses, Pants, Visors, Jackets, Tank Tops, Bathing Suits, Coats, Hats, Kerchiefs, Neck Ties, Polo Shirts, Scarves, Ski Wear, Suspenders and				
		Sweaters				



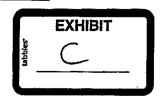
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Election:	License	Sunlight or Back Lighting on Computer Monitors, Lap Tops and Other Electrical Displays			
S Industries, Inc., Leo D. Stoller d/b/a Sentra Sporting Goods Co., and Stealth Industries, Inc.	Bard Wyers Sports, Inc., Midwest Bicycle Company, Buffalo Grove Cycling and Fitness, Inc. d/b/a Buffalo Grove Schwinn and Riteway Products d/b/a Riteway North Central	Motor Vehicle Mount Bicycle Carrier Systems			
S Industries, Inc.	Fit Bearings d/b/a Stealth Precision Speed Products d/b/a Stealth Products d/b/a Stealth Precision Products	In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Bearings, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Wheels, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Axles and Axle Kits, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Lubrication, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Tools, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Carrying Sacks, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Grind Plates, In-Line and Skateboard Helmets, and Related Shirts and Hats			
S Industries, Inc.	NAAN Irrigation Systems	Sprinkler Irrigation Products			
S Industries, Inc.	Mitsubisha International Inc.	Golf Clubs, Golf Bags, Golf Carts, Golf Shoes, Golf Gloves, Golf Apparel, and Golf Balls			
S Industries, Inc.	Wonderwand Inc. and Tom Olmstead	Tennis Rackets and Thermal Racket Covers			
S Industries, Inc.	National Molding Corporation	Plastic Buckles and Fasteners for Use in Connection with Backpacks, Tote Bags, Sporting Goods and Foul Weather Gear and Apparel and Other Similar Articles			
S Industries, Inc.	Stealth Hunter, Inc.	Tree Stands and Safety Harnesses for Deer Hunting			
S Industries, Inc.	HHA Sports, Inc., Beaver Dam Outfitters, GAT Guns, Little John's Archery and Altra Products, Inc.	Archery Sights			
S Industries, Inc.	Heritage Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufacture and Assembly of Firearms to the order and			

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Central Mfg. Inc.	RAB Electric Manufacturing, Inc.	specification of others Motion Activated Electric Lighting Fixtures, Security Lighting, Security Sensors, and Security Video Equipment
Rentamark.com	Stealth Corporation	Construction Services and Consulting
Rentamark.com	Stealth Networking	Computers, Computer Sales and Related Services
Rentamark.com	Stealth Demolition, LLC	Demolition Services
S Industries, Inc.	Charles S. Hayes	Microwave Absorbing Automobile Paint
S Industries, Inc.	Netti Export Corporate Pty Ltd., Netti North America, Kemco Group Ltd., Raleigh USA Bicycle Co., Avitar Sports International, Island Cycle Supply Company, CTEL, and THE HAWLEY COMPANY, Inc.	Bicycle Helmets
S Industries, Inc.	Philip C. Lane d/b/a Petra Comics	Comic Books
Leo Stoller d/b/a Sentra Sporting Goods, USA and S Industries, Inc.	STR Industries Illinois	Bicycles and Boats
Rentamark.com, and Central Mfg. Co.	Igloo Products Corp.	insulated food transport and dispensing containers sold in the food service industry
RENT-A-MARK	TALICOR, Inc.	Board & Electronic Games
Rentamark.com d/b/a Central Mfg. Co.	Conservation Technology, LLC	Track Lighting
Rentamark.com	Charles M. Gyenes d/b/a HI-Q- Antennas	manufacturing the Stealth II series HF Mobile Antennas
Leo D. Stoller, Stealth ndustries, Inc., and S ndustries, Inc.	Victor Stanzel Co.	jet toy air planes
tealth Industries, Inc.	Cabela's Inc.	boats, fishing rods, clothing, archery and footwear
entamark.com	Stealth Production Support, Inc., and Stealth Technical Services, Inc.	performing event coordinating services for shows including renting rigging for industrial trade shows,

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		renting rigging equipment, lighting equipment, specialty event equipment, providing labor, labor management, computer services, computer aided drafting for special events and shows and to provide billing services			
Rentamark.com	Alnu Innovations	tie fasteners and tie lifters			
Rentamark.com	American Orthodontics	Orthodontic brackets, arch wires, lingual holding arches and hooks			
Rentamark.com	Lucifer Lighting Company	Interior and Exterior Lighting Fixtures Excluding Security Lighting			
rentamark and Central Mfg. Co.	Prosthetic Design, Inc.	specialized hand tools for use in the fabrication and assembly of prosthetic limbs and prosthetic limb components; namely, thermoplastic tooling, thermoset tooling and foam extraction tooling, in Int. Class 008 and prosthetic limb components; namely, shuttle locks, pyramids, pyramid receivers, sach foot adaptors, pylons, tube clamps, suction seals, adaptor plates, attachment plates, prosthetic knee systems, prosthetic knee chassis, and prosthetic feet in Int. Class 010			
Rentamark.com	Big Guy Books, Inc.	Series of Children's Books			
Rentamark.com	Tony Smith dba Stealth Racing	Racing Cars, Racing Car Services, Carburetors, Carbureter Repair Services, Car Parts, T-Shirts and Hats			
Rentamark.com	Marathon Equipment Company	Baling Machines For Use in Material Recycling and Waste Material Disposal			
Rentamark.com	Jas. D. Easton, Inc. and Easton Sports, Inc.	Hockey Sticks, Ice Hockey Skates, Hockey Shafts, Hockey Blades, Baseball Bats and Softball Bats			
Rentamark.com	International Electronics San Diego, Inc.	Camera Tripods			
Rentamark.com	Scott Vestal d/b/a Scott Vestal's 5 String Banjos	Musical Instruments, Namely, Banjos			

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	Acutab Publications, Inc.				
Rentamark.com	John Graham Compton, individually and d/b/a Stealth Blinds, LLC and Stealth Feeders	Observation and Hunting Blinds and Manufacture Wildlife Feeders			
Rentamark.com	Scott Vestal d/b/a Scott Vestal's 5 String Banjos Acutab Publications, Inc.	Musical Instruments, Namely, Banjos			
Rentamark.com	Jas. D. Easton, Inc. Corporation and its subsidiary Easton Sports, Inc.	Field Hockey Sticks and Protective Equipment for Use in the Sport of Lacrosse			
Rentamark.com	Eric Cone	Mobile Disc Jockey Services			
Rentamark.com	Penley Sports, LLC	Golf Club Shafts			
S Industries, Inc.	Interactive Industries, Inc.	Mouse Pads for Computers			
S Industries, Inc.	Lindy Little Joe, Inc.	Various fishing products			

SCHEDULE C – PROCEEDINGS				
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91092085	The Southern New England Telephone Corp Company	CENTRALINK 2100		
91093601	George C. Kasboske	STEALTH		
91108924	Sentry Chemical Company	SENTRY		
91115719	Deck America, Inc.	DECK STAR		
91117366	Stealth Laboratories, Llc	STEALTH LABORATORIES		
91117894	Sutech U.S.A., Inc.	STEALTH		
91118105	Unex Corporation	STEALTH		
91118421	James J. Feuling	TERMINATOR		
91118538	Spaceage Synthetics, Inc.	STEALTH BOARD		
91118797	Fujitsu Personal Systems, Inc.	PENCENTRA		
91118888	Freeman Manufacturing Co.	TRILLIUM		
91119206	Tenryu America Inc	STEALTH		
91119245	Troyal, Inc.	TERMINATOR		
91119348	Syntra Ltd.	SYNTRA		
91119802	Alza Corporation	CONCENTRA		
91119975	Tiger Electronics, Ltd.	HAVOC		
91120073	Novitron International, Inc.	SENTRA		
91120170	The Email Channel Inc.	CENTRAQ		
91120202	Nissan Jidosha Kabushiki Kaishya Dba Nis	SENTRA CA		
91120339	Karen Ponce	STEALTH SHELF		
91121420	York International Corporation	STEALTH		
91121605	Sterling/Winters Company	LOVE YOUR BODY		
91121795	American International Marketing	STEALTH		
91124917	Marathon Equipment Company	STEALTH		
91125566	Stealth Air Courier, Inc.	STEALTH AIR COURIER		
1125818	Board Of The Regents, The University Of	STEALTH GERONTOLOGY		
1150463	Menasha Corporation	STEALTH GOLD		
1150624	Radiant Labs, LLC	STEALTH GUARD		
1151836	Coffee Works, Inc.	DARK STAR		
1152014	Reonegro, Antonio And Tom	HAVOC MEDIA		



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	Lynch	DESIGN		
91152243	HEPA Corporation	STEALTH 100		
91154372	Pentech International Inc.	STEALTH		
91154472	Evox, Inc.	STEALTHWARE		
91154585	Medtronic Sofamor Danek Inc.	STEALTHMERGE		
91154617	Medtronic Sofamor Danek Inc.	STEALTHDRIVE		
91155814	WFJM Enterprises, Inc.	STEALTHTEX		
91156858	Dreamworks L.L.C. & Dreamworks Animation	REX HAVOC		
91157012	Hyperstealth Biotechnology Corp.	HYPERSTEALTH		
91157434	Purina Mills, Llc	STEALTH		
91158263	Stealth, Ltd.	STEALTH LTD.		
91158582	Market America, Inc.	STEALTH RADAR SHIELD		
91159950	Premium Products, Inc.	GROUND ZERO STEALTH		
91160234	Airframe Business Software, Inc.	AIRFRAME BUSINESS SOFTWARE, INC.		
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91161513	Darkstar Design, Inc.	DARKSTAR DESIGN		
91161552	Heiman, Donald F.	STEALTH-A-SCOPE		
91161651	Roux Laboratories, Inc.	AIRFRAME		
91161651	Roux Laboratories, Inc.	AIRFRAME		
91161740	Silicon Defense, Inc.	COUNTERSTEALTH		
91161831	Ratledge, Douglas W.	AIRFRAMEPOWERPLA NT		
91162195	Northern Telepresence Corporation	DARKSTAR		
91162592	Stephens, Edwin K.	STEALTH		
		ACQUISITIONS		
91162928	Titan America Llc	CENTRA		
91163156	Titan America Llc	CENTRA		
91163722	Macronix Inc.	MX STEALTH		
91164047	U-Haul International, Inc.	STEALTH		
91164582	Pocekovic, Jovan	STEALTH VODKA		
91165221	Marcus, Randy Lee	HYPNOSTEALTH		

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e Oppositio		A Market Service		
91166562	General Cigar Co., Inc.	STRADIVARIUS		
91167086	Fairchild Semiconductor			
	Corporation			
91167152	International Surfacing, Inc.	STEALTHSHOE		
91167475	Digital Recorders, Inc.	STEALTHMIC		
91167557	E-Merging Technologies	MANAGED		
	Group	STEALTHCARE		
91167602	Sierra Corporate Design	STEALTHNEWS		
91167658	Surgical Navigation	CTEALTINIANGATION		
	Technologies, Inc.	STEALTHNAVIGATOR		
91167706	Invitrogen Corporation	STELTH RNAI		
91168673	Ebert, Kenneth R	AIRFRAME		
91168888	Dreamworks Animation	REX HAVOC		
	L.L.C.	REX HAVOC		
91169270	Ceradyne, Inc.	STEALTH		
91169382	Swedish Match Lighters	FIREPOWER		
	B.V.	TREFOWER		
91169502	Loveland Products, Inc.	STEALTH		
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91170016	Midwest Motorcycle Supply	FIRE POWER		
	Distributors C Orp.	TIREFOWER		
91170256	Google Inc.	GOOGLE		
91170274	Target Brands, Inc.	(Target design mark)		
91170424	Cafe Belmondo, Llc	STRADIVARIUS		
	}	BLEND		
91170575	Summit Environmental	FIREPOWER		
01150626	Corporation Inc.			
91170636	Indy Stealth Incorporated	INDY STEALTH		
91170710	Stealth Dump Trucks, Inc.	STEALTH DUMP		
01170010		TRUCKS		
91170819	Medtronic, Inc.	STEALTHLINK		
91170820	John Edward Sweat	SENTRACARE		
91170951	Two Guys Publications, Inc.	WHITE LINE FEVER		
91170957	HEPA Corporation	STEALTH		
91171222	Raysat Cyprus Ltd.	STEALTHRAY		
	Montoya, Matthew; Ahern,			
91172150	John; Liscano, Jose;	CRY HAVOC		
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	Adrian			
92024940	Intelligence Quotient	STEALTH		
	International Limited	TECHNOLOGY		

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92025162	Cardiotronics	STEALTH-TRODE		
92030433	Skateboard World Industries, Inc. And Mr. Chet Thomas	DARKSTAR MASTER URETHANE		
92030944	Nissan Jidosha Kabushiki Kaishya Dba Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	SENTRA		
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Subject:

RE: Notice of filing Appeal Brief and Criminal Charge

Attachments: Appeal Brief filed 8-20-07.pdf

Lance G. Johnson, Richard M. Fogel

This is to inform you that I have appealed the decision of Judge Schmetterer approving the sale of my assets to your 'sham' company. This is also to inform you that I have filed criminal charges against you, William Factor and Richard M. Fogel under 735 Ils 5/1-109 in relationship to your 'scheme' to defraud the bankruptcy court and the Patent and Trademark Office.

I have been informed that any transfer of my assets under these conditions by your or any member of your 'fraudulent' organization will lead to additional 'charges' be leveled against you. I have also informed the Patent and Trademark Office, Recordation department not to accept any assignments of the said marks. I have also informed the Deleware Corporate Division of you 'scheme' to defraud.

I have also filed attorney disciplinary complaints against you, Fogel with the OED, the DC Bar and ARDC regarding you 'scam'.

I reject your notice, you are not a new legitimate stock holder of any of my assets and I expect you to be criminally charged for your 'fraud'. Further there are third parties that are third parties that are asserting a majority interests in the marks and in the stock of the said corporations.

You had prior notice to Bidder that any the said third parties. If and when you attempt to transfer any assets to 'third' parties you can inform them that they will be sued.

You will be servied notice of suits at the addresses that you have given.

Leo Stoller

Subject: Termination of positions

Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 19:29:02 -0400

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As the new stock holder for Central Mfg. Inc., Stealth Industries Inc., Sentra Industries Inc., S Industries Inc., and USA Sports Co. Inc. this is to inform you that you are hereby immediately discharged from any and all positions.

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offices, and capacities in connection with each of these corporations.

Any specimens, documents, records, or other property that belongs to any of these corporations should be forwarded to the address below or delivered to Mr. Fogel, as trustee of your estate.

Lance G. Johnson Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse LLC 10560 Main Street, Suite 2020 Fairfax, VA 22030 Fax: 202-659-9344 Tel: 202-445-2000

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

) Chapter 7
In Re:) Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer
LEO STOLLER	j
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BANKRO'S ILLINO'S Debtor.	Eastern Division
LEO STOLLER COURT STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY OF ILLINOIS Debtor. ON THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF 12007) Case No. 05-B-64075
UNITED STATERN DISTRICT AUG 1 0 2007 AUG 1 CLERK KENNETH S. GARDNER, CLERK TEAM - C	Orders dated August 7, 2007 and August 8, 2007
KENNETH S. G.M C) Hon, Jack B. Schmetterer

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOW COMES Leo Stoller and files its Notice of Appeal of the following orders dated August 7, 2007 and August 8, 2007, issued by the Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer.

- 1) Order from the bench on August 7, 2007 dismissing Stoller's cross-complaint and affirmative defenses in Adversary No. 07-007345;
- 2) Order from the bench on August 7, 2007 denying motion to re-open the auction to sell Stoller's assets;
- 3) Order dated August 7, 2007 denying Stoller's motion for leave to file Motion to Disqualify Bidder SPTA and Lance Johnson;
- 4) Order dated August 7, 2007 expunging Stoller's Motion to Disqualify filed on May 29, 2007;
- 5) Order dated August 7, 2007 dismissing Stoller's Memorandum in Support of SPTA's and Lance Johnson's Fraud on the Bankruptcy Court;
- 6) Order dated August 7, 2007 ordering the Clerk of the Court to accept no filings by Stoller in the Bankruptcy Court; and
- 7) Order dated August 8, 2007 approving sale of Debtor's assets.

This Court Has Jurisdiction Over Interlocutory Appeals and Final Orders

The general rule is that a court of appeals has jurisdiction over a bankruptcy appeal only if the bankruptcy court's original order and the district court's order reviewing the

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bankruptcy court's original order are both final. 28 U.S.C. sec. 158(d); In re Devlieg, Inc., 56 F.3d 32, 33 (7th Cir. 1995) (per curiam); In re Morse Elec. Co., 805 F.2d 262, 264 (7th Cir. 1986); 16 Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller, & Edward H. Cooper, Federal Rules and Procedure sec. 3926.2, at 273 (2d ed. 1996). In the bankruptcy context, however, finality does not require a final order concluding the entire bankruptcy proceeding; certain orders entered prior to the conclusion of the bankruptcy proceeding will be deemed final. In re Forty-Eight Insulations, Inc., 115F.3d 1294, 1298-99 (9th Cir. 1977); In re Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of White Farm Equip. Co., 943 F.2d 752, 754-755 (7th Cir. 1991). Where an order terminates a discrete dispute that, but for the bankruptcy, would be a standalone suit by or against the trustee, the order will be considered final and appealable. In re Szekely, 936 F.2d 897, 899-900 (7th Cir. 1991); [*9] Wright, Miller & Cooper, supra, sec. 3926.2 at 272-73.

Judge Schmetterer's decisions qualify as stand-alone suits. These orders should be considered final and appealable.

This court has granted the Appellant leave to appeal in forma pauperis. See attached.

Leo Stoller, pro se 7115 W. North Avenue Oak Park, Illinois 60302

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Date: August 10, 2007

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.0 Eastern Division

Leo Stoller		
	Plaintiff,	
V.		Case No.: 1:07-cv-04692
		Honorable William J. Hibbler
	Defendant.	

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Monday, October 1, 2007:

MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: This case is dismissed without prejudice. All pending dates and motions are terminated. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice (jdh)

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United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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CASE NUMBER	07 C 4692	DATE	4/24/2009
CASE TITLE	I	Re: In Re: LEO STOLLE	

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT

Appellant's motion to reinstate [#4] is denied. Appellees presented valid objections to the motion and Appellant failed to respond in a timely manner. Appellant's motion for leave to file reply instanter [#20] is denied as untimely.

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Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	William J. Hibbler	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	07 C 4692	DATE	5/8/09
CASE TITLE		In Re: LEO STOLLER	. <u> </u>

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis [28] is denied. The Court hereby certifies that this appeal is not taken in good faith.

[For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

The Court is convinced that appellant's appeal presents no substantial question for review and that an appeal will be futile. The Court has the duty, therefore, to certify that the appeal is not taken in good faith. Davis v. U.S., 214 F.2d 594, 596 (7th Cir. 1954) (citing Higgins v. Steele, 195 F.2d 366, 369 (8th Cir. 1952)). "An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). Thus, the Court denies appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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In Re:)	Case No: 07 C 4692
LEO STOLLER,)	Hon. William J. Hibbler
Appellant.	•	Bankruptcy appeal from
)	Case No. 05 B 64075 Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Richard M. Fogel
Janice Alwin
Shaw, Gussis, Fishman, Glantz, Wolfson & Tobin, LLC.
321 N. Clark Street, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60610

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the day of May, 2009, there was filed with the Clerk of the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, the attached 1) Notice of Appeal, 2) Designation of Content of Record on Appeal, and 3) Docketing Statement.

Service of this document is being made by depositing it in an envelope addressed to the person(s) above shown, with proper postage prepaid, and depositing the envelope in the U.S. Mail at Chicago, Illinois on May 2009.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.2.2 Eastern Division

	Defendant.	
v.	Plaintiff,	Case No.: 1:07-cv-04692 Honorable William J. Hibbler
Leo Stoller	71 / 12	

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, April 30, 2009:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion for reconsideration and/or relief from judgment or order [25] is denied. Mailed notice (jdh)

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CASE NUMBER	07 C 4692	DATE	4/24/2009
CASE TITLE	In	Re: In Re: LEO STOLI	

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT

Appellant's motion to reinstate [#4] is denied. Appellees presented valid objections to the motion and Appellant failed to respond in a timely manner. Appellant's motion for leave to file reply instanter [#20] is

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Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	William J. Hibbler	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	07 C 4692	DATE	5/8/09
CASE TITLE	In Re: LEO STOLLER		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

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■[For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

The Court is convinced that appellant's appeal presents no substantial question for review and that an appeal will be futile. The Court has the duty, therefore, to certify that the appeal is not taken in good faith. Davis v. U.S., 214 F.2d 594, 596 (7th Cir. 1954) (citing Higgins v. Steele, 195 F.2d 366, 369 (8th Cir. 1952)). "An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). Thus, the Court denies appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis.

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CIRCUIT RULE 3(b) NOTICE

May 28, 2009

No.: 09-2385 IN RE: LEO D. STOLLER,
Debtor - Appellant

Originating Case Information

District Court No: 1:07-cv-04692

Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

Court Reporter Alexandra Roth

Clerk/Agency Rep Michael W. Dobbins

District Judge William J. Hibbler

Circuit Rule 3(b) empowers the clerk to dismiss an appeal if the docket fee is not paid withing fourteen (14) days of the docketing of the appeal. This appeal was docketed on May 28, 2009. The District Court has indicated that as of May 28, 2009, the docket fee has not been paid. Depending on your situation, you should:

- Pay the required \$450.00 docketing fee PLUS the \$5.00 notice of appeal filing fee to the District Court Clerk, if you have not already done so.
 The Court of Appeals cannot accept this fee. You should keep a copy of the receipt for your records.
- File a motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis with the District

 Court, if you have not already done so. An original and three (3) copies of that motion, with proof of service on your opponent, is required. This motion must be supported by a sworn affidavit in the form prescribed by Form 4 of the Appendix of Forms to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

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(as amended 12/01/98), listing the assets and income of the appellant(s).

3. If the motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis is denied by the district court, you must either pay the required \$450.00 docketing fee PLUS the \$5.00 notice of appeal filing fee to the District Court Clerk, within fourteen (14) days after service of notice of the action to the district court, or within thirty (30) days of that date, renew your motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis with this court.

If the motion is renewed in this court, it must comply with the terms of Fed.R.App.P. 24(a).

If one of the above stated actions is not taken, the appeal will be dismissed.

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in re; Leo Stoller

Assigned to: Honorable William J. Hibbler

Case in other court: 09-02385

Cause: 28:0158 Notice of Appeal re Bankruptcy Matter (BAP)

Date Filed: 08/20/2007

Date Terminated: 10/01/2007

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 422 Bankruptcy Appeal (801)

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/20/2007	1	APPEAL from U.S. Bankruptcy Court case number 05BK64075 consisting of Transmittal letter, Designation, Statement of Issues, Notice of Appeal and Certified Docket sheet. (1 vols.). (Judge Schmetterer) (gcy,) (Entered: 08/21/2007)
08/20/2007	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet. (gcy,) (Entered: 08/22/2007)
10/01/2007	3	MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: This case is dismissed without prejudice. All pending dates and motions are terminated. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 10/01/2007)
11/14/2008	4	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reinstate; Notice (gcy,) (Entered: 01/06/2009)
01/13/2009	<u>5</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing set for 1/29/2009 at 10:00 AM, Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 01/13/2009)
01/28/2009	6	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: On the Court's own motion, the time for the status hearing is reset to 11:30 AM on 1/29/2009. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 01/28/2009)

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01/29/2009	7	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing held and continued to 4/23/09 at 10:00 a.m. Appellees to file 10 page objections to Stoller's motion to reinstate by 2/19/09. Stoller to file response by 3/19/09. Appellees to reply by 04/02/09. Ruling by mail. (gcy,) (Entered: 01/30/2009)
02/18/2009	8	OBJECTIONS by William T Neary to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reopen case 4 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Exhibit E, # 6 Exhibit F, # 7 Exhibit G, # 8 Exhibit H)(Wolfe, Stephen) (Entered: 02/18/2009)
02/19/2009	<u>9</u>	RESPONSE by Richard M Fogelin Opposition to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reopen case 4 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A)(Alwin, Janice) (Entered: 02/19/2009)
02/19/2009	<u>10</u>	OBJECTIONS of Pure Fishing, Inc. to Debtor's Motions to Reinstate Appeals (Factor, William) (Entered: 02/19/2009)
02/20/2009	11	ATTORNEY Appearance for Trustee Richard M Fogel by Brian L. Shaw (Shaw, Brian) (Entered: 02/20/2009)
03/18/2009	<u>12</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for extension of time (gcy,) (Entered: 03/19/2009)
03/18/2009	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of plaintiff's motion for extension of time 12 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 3/23/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 03/19/2009)
03/23/2009	14	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant Stoller's Motion for extension of time 12 is granted. Stoller's responses to Appellees objection to be filed by 4/9/2009. Appellees' replies due by 4/22/2009. Ruling by mail Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 03/23/2009)
04/06/2009	<u>15</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to stay the Court's decision on the U.S. Trustee's objection to Debtor's motion to reinstate pending the Seventh Circuit decision on related appeal no. 08-4240. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/06/2009)
04/06/2009	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of Leo Stoller's motion to stay 15 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 4/13/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/06/2009)
04/08/2009	17	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion to stay this Court's decision on the U.S. Trustee's objection to appellant's motion to reinstate pending the Seventh Circuit's ruling will have no effect on motions pending before this court. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 04/09/2009)
04/10/2009	18	WITHDRAWING William J. Factor as counsel for Creditor Pure Fishing, Inc. and substituting Sara E. Lorber as counsel of record (Lorber, Sara) (Entered: 04/10/2009)
04/14/2009	<u>19</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler; William J. Factor is given leave to withdraw as counsel for Pure Fishing, Inc.Mailed notice (mjc,) (Entered: 04/15/2009)
04/22/2009	20	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to file reply instanter. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)
04/22/2009	21	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of pro se motion for leave to file reply instanter 20 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 4/27/2009 at 09:30 a.m. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)
04/22/2009	<u>22</u>	REPLY to United States Trustee's objection to appellant's motion to reinstate by Leo Stoller (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)
04/23/2009	<u>23</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing held on 4/23/2009. Appellant does not appear. No notice (jdh) (Entered: 04/24/2009)
04/24/2009	<u>24</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's motion to reinstate [#4]
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		is denied. Appellees presented valid objections to the motion and Appellant failed to respond in a timely manner. Appellant's for leave to file reply instanter [#20] is denied as untimely. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 04/27/2009)
04/29/2009	25	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for reconsideration and/or Rule 60, Relief from Judgment or order by Plaintiff Leo Stoller. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/30/2009)
04/29/2009	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of Pro Se's motion for reconsideration, and/or Rule 60, Relief from Judgment or order 25 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 5/4/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/30/2009)
04/30/2009	27	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion for reconsideration and/or relief from judgment or order <u>25</u> is denied. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 05/01/2009)
05/06/2009	<u>28</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to appeal in forma pauperis. (Poor Quality Original - Paper Document on File). (gcy,) (Entered: 05/07/2009)
05/06/2009	<u>29</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 5/11/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 05/07/2009)
05/08/2009	30	RESPONSE by Richard M Fogelin Opposition to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B)(Clisham, Patrick) (Entered: 05/08/2009)
05/08/2009	31	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 is denied. The Court hereby certifies that this appeal is not taken in good faith. [For further details see text below]. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 05/11/2009)
05/22/2009	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of appeal by Leo Stoller regarding orders 31. (Fee Due) (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/22/2009	<u>33</u>	DOCKETING Statement by Leo Stoller regarding notice of appeal 32. (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/22/2009	<u>34</u>	DESIGNATION of Content by Leo Stoller of record on appeal. (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
05/28/2009	<u>35</u>	NOTICE of Appeal Due letter sent to counsel of record (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)
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Mailed: June 26, 2008

Cancellation No. 92045778

The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (substituted for Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.) as party plaintiff)

ν.

Google Inc.

By the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

On April 23, 2008, Leo Stoller filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. The motion has been fully briefed.

Regardless of the outcome of Mr. Stoller's motion to intervene in the civil action styled Google, Inc. v. Central Mfg. Inc. and Stealth Industries, Inc., Case No. 07 C 0385, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, there is no provision for intervention by outside parties in Board proceedings. See Lukens, Inc. v. Vesper Corporation, 1 USPQ2d 1299, 1301 (TTAB 1986). Accordingly, the motion to intervene is denied.

On September 6, 2007, The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC filed: 1) a motion to be substituted as party plaintiff in this case; and 2) a withdrawal of all

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pending motions in this case and of the opposition with prejudice. The Board will first consider Society's motion to be substituted as party plaintiff herein. A copy of a document reflecting the assignment of the assets of Mr. Stoller, including all stock in Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.) ("Central"), from Richard M. Fogel as Trustee of the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Mr. Stoller to Society was submitted as an exhibit to Society's motion to be substituted. Another copy of that document is recorded with the USPTO's Assignment Branch at Reel 3605, Frame 0494. See TBMP Section 512.01 (2d ed. rev. 2004). Because applicant does not object to the substitution sought and the assignment in question involves all the assets of Central, that motion is granted as well-taken and as conceded. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Society is hereby substituted for Central as the party plaintiff herein.

On September 3, 2007, Mr. Stoller filed with the Board a copy of the disciplinary complaint that he filed on September 3, 2007 with the USPTO's Office of Enrollment and Discipline. However, such filing does not warrant further delay of this proceeding.

In view of the withdrawal of the petition to cancel with prejudice that Society filed, the petition is dismissed with prejudice. All pending matters herein are moot.

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A copy of this order has been sent to respondent and the following parties:

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Mailed: May 20, 2008

Opposition No. 91167086

The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse (substituted for Central Mfg. Co. as party plaintiff)

v.

Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation

By the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

The following matters are pending before the Board:

(1) applicant's express abandonment (filed August 28, 2006) of its involved application Serial No. 76093041; (2) applicant's motion (filed August 28, 2006) to dismiss based on the parties' settlement agreement; (3) Central Mfg. Co.'s ("Central") motion (filed September 7, 2006) to suspend pending final determination of a bankruptcy proceeding involving Leo D. Stoller ("Stoller"), Case No. 05 B 64075, filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois; (4) the Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse's ("Society") motion (filed September 24, 2007) to be substituted as the party plaintiff herein; and (5) Society's withdrawal (filed September 24, 2007) of the opposition with prejudice.

The Board will first consider Society's motion to be substituted as party plaintiff herein. A copy of a document reflecting the assignment of the assets of Leo Stoller, including all the stock of Central Mfg. Co., from Richard M. Fogel as Trustee of the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Leo D. Stoller to Society was submitted as an exhibit to Society's motion to be substituted. Another copy of that document is recorded with the USPTO's Assignment Branch at Reel 3605, Frame 0494. See TBMP Section 512.01 (2d ed. rev. 2004). Because applicant consents to the substitution sought, that motion is granted as well-taken and as consented. Society is hereby substituted for Central as the party plaintiff herein.

The Board turns next to Central's motion to suspend.

In view of the lifting of the stay and final determination of the bankruptcy proceeding, the motion to suspend is moot.

In view of Society's withdrawal of the opposition with prejudice and applicant's express abandonment of the involved application, involved application Serial No. 76093041 stands abandoned, and the opposition is dismissed with prejudice.

¹ Applicant's motion to dismiss is moot.

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Mailed: June 19, 2008

Opposition No. 91167658

The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (substituted for Central Mfg. Co. as party plaintiff)

v.

Surgical Navigation Technologies, Inc.

By the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

On November 3, 2007, Leo Stoller filed a motion for motion for reconsideration of the October 19, 2007 order and to intervene herein. The Board's October 19, 2007 order is vacated.

On September 19, 2007, The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC's ("Society") filed a motion to be substituted for Central Mfg. Co. as party plaintiff herein and a withdrawal of the opposition with prejudice.

The Board will first consider Society's motion to be substituted as party plaintiff herein. A copy of a document reflecting the assignment of the assets of Leo Stoller, including Central Mfg. Co., an unregistered company name used by Mr. Stoller for his personal business activities, from Richard M. Fogel as Trustee of the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

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Estate of Mr. Stoller to Society was submitted as an exhibit to Society's motion to be substituted. Another copy of that document is recorded with the USPTO's Assignment Branch at Reel 3605, Frame 0494. See TBMP Section 512.01 (2d ed. rev. 2004). Because applicant does not object to the substitution sought and the assignment in question involves all the assets of Central Mfg. Co., that motion is granted as well-taken and as conceded. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Society is hereby substituted for Central Mfg. Co. as the party plaintiff herein.

With regard to the motion to intervene, however, there is no provision for intervention by outside parties in Board proceedings. See *Lukens*, *Inc. v. Vesper Corporation*, 1 USPQ2d 1299, 1301 (TTAB 1986). Moreover, Mr. Stoller's

¹ On April 14, 2008, Christopher Stoller Pension and Profit Sharing Plan ("Pension") recorded a series of assignment documents at Reel 3759, Frame 0016 and asserted ownership of the pleaded registrations. However, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois previously determined that such registrations were part of the bankruptcy estate of Leo D. Stoller and, in an August 8, 2007 order, authorized the bankruptcy trustee to sell Stoller's assets, including such registrations, to Society. The bankruptcy court's rulings are binding upon the Board. See, e.g., Goya Foods Inc. v. Tropicana Products Inc., 846 F.2d 848, 6 USPQ2d 1950 (2d Cir. 1988). Moreover, those registrations were cancelled as a result of an entry of judgment by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., Case No. 05 C 7255, which was affirmed by the United States District Court for the Seventh Circuit. Accordingly, the assignment documents that Pension recorded will receive no consideration.

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rights in the pleaded marks were assigned to Society. Accordingly, the motion to intervene is denied.

In view of the withdrawal of the opposition with prejudice that Society filed, the opposition is dismissed with prejudice.

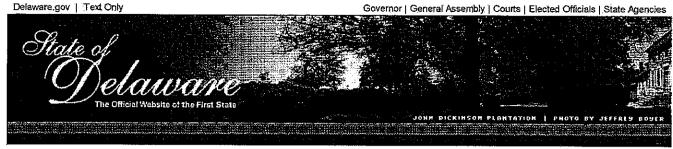
All other pending matters in this case are moot.

A copy of this order has been sent to applicant and the following parties:

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Entity:Name:	CENTRAL MFG.	IŅC.	
Entity Kind	CORPORATION	Entity:Type	GENERAL
Residency:	DOMESTIC	State	DE
<u>Status</u>	DISSOLVED	Status Date	01/29/2008

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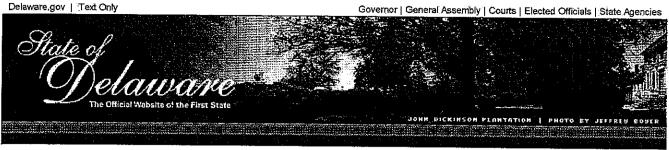
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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS BASTERN DIVISION

In re:) Case No. 05 B 64075
LEO STOLLER,) Chapter 13
Debtor.) Hon, Jack B. Schmetterer
) Presentment Date: August 23, 2006) Presentment Time: 9:30 a.m.

MOTION OF GOOGLE INC. FOR ORDER DECLARING PROPOSED SUIT TO BE OUTSIDE SCOPE OF STAY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MODIFYING STAY

Google Inc. ("Google") respectfully requests that the Court declare that its anticipated lawsuit (the "Proposed Action") against Leo Stoller ("Stoller" or "Debtor"), Central Mfg. Inc. ("Central Mfg.") and Stealth Industries, Inc. ("Stealth") is outside the scope of the automatic stay under Section 362(d) of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 362(d)) or, in the alternative, that the Court modify the stay for cause to allow Google to proceed with its Proposed Action. In support of its requested relief, Google states and alleges as follows.

Preliminary Statement

1. As explained in Google's Complaint for the Proposed Action, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth are engaged in a pattern of illegal conduct that targets Google. Google has no alternative but to file suit to put a stop to it. Among other things, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth have been fraudulently holding themselves out as variously named "Google" entities, including through the use of fabricated commercial documents such as company letterhead. They also continue to falsely claim in advertising materials that they own rights to, and offer for license to third parties, the GOOGLE mark and falsely assert that they indeed have even cancelled Google's federal trademark registration for the GOOGLE mark. This is despite the fact that not only have Google's federal registrations for GOOGLE not been cancelled, but the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("TTAB") has found Debtor's and his companies' claims of ownership to the GOOGLE mark to be wholly groundless and to have been made for the

A copy of the Complaint for the Proposed Action (the "Complaint") is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Michael T. Zeller, dated August 17, 2006 and filed concurrently herewith ("Zeller Dec.").

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"improper purpos[e]" of seeking to "harass" Google as well as many others "to pay [Debtor] to avoid litigation or to license one of the marks in which [Debtor] assert[s] a baseless claim of rights." The ongoing acts by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth constitute false advertising in violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B), violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq., and unfair competition. It is for this conduct, as set forth in the Complaint, that Google proposes to sue Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth for injunctive and monetary relief.

- Google respectfully asks the Court to declare that the automatic stay is not 2. applicable to its Proposed Action under Section 362(a) because the Proposed Action was not and could not have been commenced before the Petition Date. Debtor filed in this Court a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Petition") on December 20, 2005 (the "Petition Date"). The acts alleged in the Proposed Action to constitute false advertising occurred entirely after the Petition Date and thus could not have been the subject of a claim by Google prior to that time. Likewise, Google could not have brought its RICO claim before the Petition Date since it did not arise until later for the independent reasons that (1) Google did not begin suffering damage until after the Petition Date and (2) the second predicate act necessary to establish a RICO claim occurred post-Petition. Under these circumstances, Google's claims are considered post-Petition and thus not subject to the automatic stay.3 Furthermore, even apart from the post-Petition accrual of Google's claims, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth all have taken the position that Section 362's automatic stay does not apply to entities such as Central Mfg. and Stealth. Thus, there could be no dispute here that the Proposed Action can commence against Central Mfg. and Stealth notwithstanding the automatic stay.
- 3. In the alternative, in the event that the Court believes the automatic stay applies to the Proposed Action in whole or in part, there is "cause" under Section 362(d)(1) to modify any such stay so that Google can proceed. Neither fairness nor law justify allowing Debtor to continue to damage Google with impunity. The purpose of the Bankruptcy Code is to protect the innocent, yet unfortunate, debtor. Debtor in this case is neither, and clearly the automatic stay is not designed to provide Debtor with a safe haven for his continuing fraudulent conduct and

² For this reason, as discussed below, TTAB recently dismissed outright a sham legal proceeding that Debtor and Central Mfg. had brought against Google.

The Complaint for the Proposed Action does discuss certain pre-Petition acts, but as explained further below that does not mean Google's claims accrued then.

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racketeering activities. Indeed, as the Court is aware, such misdeeds by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth are unfortunately not an isolated episode, but an extension of their extortion racket that numerous judges in this Circuit and District have condemned. In short, because Google will continue to be irreparably damaged if the Proposed Action is delayed, whereas Debtor will not suffer any cognizable harm if he is forced to account for and cease his unlawful activities against Google, the equities strongly favor allowing Google to proceed with its Proposed Action. Debtor also brought his Petition in bad faith, which further supports any necessary modification of the stay.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(a) and (b) and 157(a). This motion is a "core proceeding" in which the Court is entitled to enter a final order under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157(b)(2)(G), 11 U.S.C. § 362(d) and Bankruptcy Rules 4001 and 9014. In re Benalcazar, 283 B.R. 514, 521-22 (Bankr. N.D. III. 2002).
 - 5. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

<u>Argument</u>

I. THE PROPOSED ACTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE AUTOMATIC STAY.

- A. <u>Because Google's Claims Accrued After The Petition Date, They Could Not Have Been Brought Pre-Petition And Are Not Within The Scope Of The Automatic Stay.</u>
- 6. 11 U.S.C. § 362 defines the scope of the automatic stay. By its terms, Section 362(a)(1) states in relevant part that it prohibits "the commencement . . . of a judicial . . . action or proceeding against the debtor that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the case under this title, or to recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the case under this title." Accordingly, claims that arise after the filing of a bankruptcy petition are not subject to this automatic stay provision. E.g., In re Anderson, 23 B.R. 174, 175 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1982) ("The automatic stay provisions of Section 362(a)(1), (5), (6) and (7) have been held to be inapplicable to proceedings commenced after the filing of the Chapter 13 proceedings."); see also Bellini Imports, Ltd v. The Mason & Dixon Lines, Inc., 944 F.2d 199, 201 (4th Cir. 1991); In re Gull Air, Inc., 890 F.2d 1255, 1263 (1st Cir. 1989) ("proceedings or claims arising post-petition are not subject to the automatic stay."); In re M. Frenville Co., 744 F.2d 332, 335 (3d Cir. 1984) ("[o]nly proceedings that could have been

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commenced or claims that arose before the filing of the bankruptcy petitions are automatically stayed"); In re Koop, 2002 WL 1046700, at *3 (Bankr. N.D. III. May 23, 2002),

7. Google's claims in the Proposed Action accrued after the Petition Date and thus are not within the scope of the automatic stay. Each claim is discussed in turn below.

1. Google's False Advertising Claim Arose Post-Petition.

- 8. Count I of the Complaint asserts against Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth a claim for false advertising under the Lanham Act. As 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B) states in pertinent part that "[a]ny person" who "in commercial advertising or promotion, misrepresents the nature, characteristics, qualities, or geographic origin of his or her or another person's goods, services, or commercial activities, shall be liable in a civil action by any person who believes that he or she is or is likely to be damaged by such act."
- 9. As set forth in the Complaint for the Proposed Action, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth have made such false and misleading representations in their advertising and promotional materials. Each of those operative acts also occurred after the Petition Date. More specifically, the unlawful acts of false advertising alleged in the Proposed Action are:
- (a) Beginning on or about April 20, 2006 and continuing through the present, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth have falsely represented on the commercial rentmark.blogspot.com web site that "STOLLER CANCELS THE GOOGLE TRADEMARK." (Complaint, ¶ 42(c) & Exh. P thereto).
- (b) This was followed shortly, beginning on or about April 28, 2006 and continuing through the present, by the dissemination of false advertisements by Debtor and Stealth on the commercial rentamark.com web site that "GOOGLE" was, and remains, among the marks that they purport to "own and control" and purport to offer for licensing to third parties. (Id., ¶ 40 & Exh. M thereto).
- (c) Also beginning on or about April 20, 2006 and through the present, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth have falsely represented on the commercial rentmark blogspot.com web site that "Stoller has thus far prevailed in over 90% of its [sic] police actions against third party infringers. Companies like Wal-Mart, K-Mart and hundreds of other well known American companies have acknowledged Stoller's superior rights to its [sic] marks as a result of trademark litigation." (Id., ¶ 42(b) & Exh. P thereto). Beginning on or about June 16, 2006 and continuing through the present, Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth also have been falsely representing on the

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commercial www.rentmark.blogspot.com web site that "Leo Sfoller has participated in over 200 inter party [sic] proceedings over 25 years prevailing in [sic] over 95% of the time and over 60 district court trademark cases." (Id., ¶ 42(d) & Exh. Q thereto).

10. Because Google could not have sued for false advertising until Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth began disseminating these false representations in or after April 2006 in a manner that was calculated to damage Google -- well after the Petition Date -- there can be no question that Google's claim in Count I is not subject to the automatic stay of Section 362(a)(1). See Keller Medical Specialties Products v. Armstrong Medical Indus., Inc., 1992 WL 390733, at *3-4 (N.D. III. 1992) (Lanham Act cause of action arises when plaintiff discovers injury from act of defendant).

2. Google's RICO Claim Accrued Post-Petition.

- Count II of the Complaint for the Proposed Action alleges RICO violations by 11. Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth. RICO makes unlawful the operation of an "enterprise" by means of a "pattern" of racketeering activity. 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a)-(d). As the Seventh Circuit has held, the elements of a civil RICO claim are "1) a violation of the RICO statute, including proof that the defendant has participated in a pattern of racketeering, and 2) an injury to business or property." McCool v. Strata Oil Co., 972 F.2d 1452, 1464 (7th Cir. 1992). Accordingly, a RICO claim accrues "when the plaintiff discovers her injury, even if she has not yet discovered the pattern of racketeering." Id. at 1465. Moreover, "[t]here must, of course, be a pattern of racketeering before the plaintiff's RICO claim accrues, and this requirement might delay accrual until after the plaintiff discovers her injury." Id. "Racketeering" activity is any of a number of "predicate" offenses specified in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(a), which pertinent here include mail fraud, wire fraud and violation of state extortion laws. "A 'pattern' is (loosely) defined as 'at least two acts of racketeering activity . . . the last of which occurred within ten years . . . after the commission of a prior act of racketeering activity." McCool, 972 F.2d at 1464 (quoting 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5)).
- 12. The Complaint for the Proposed Action asserts the following predicate racketeering acts by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth:
- (a) Acts And Threats Involving Extortion. The Complaint alleges as predicate acts that Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth engaged in extortion which is chargeable under State law and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1).

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These include: (i) their November 29, 2005 letter from a bogus entity called "GOOGLE BRAND PRODUCTS & SERVICES" that contained threats to bring sham legal proceedings and to otherwise harass Google unless it paid them \$100,000 or else ceased use of the GOOGLE mark in connection with Google's business (Complaint, ¶44(a) & Exh. I thereto); 4 (ii) their subsequent initiation, on March 1, 2006, of sham legal proceedings against Google in TTAB, which TTAB subsequently dismissed because it was predicated on a claim of right to the "Google" mark by Debtor and Central Mfg. that was "baseless" (id., ¶28(a), 41(b) & Exhs. E, N thereto); (iii) their February 9, 2006 email threatening to publicize their groundless allegations, which they claimed would mean "Google's stock won't be worth \$5.00 a share" and would result in "the total destruction" of Google (id., ¶44(c) & Exh. R thereto); (iv) their March 2, 2006 email again threatening to publicize their allegations with the avowed intention of "driv[ing] down Google stock price" (id., ¶44(d) & Exh. S thereto); and (v) their email of March 31, 2006 which threatened to "refe[r]" Plaintiff's executives "to the US Attorney for a perjury charge should they lie under oath." (Id., ¶44(b) & Exh. O thereto).

- (b) Acts Involving Wire And Mail Fraud. The Complaint also alleges predicate acts of wire and mail fraud by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth. See 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 1341 & 1343. These include: (i) their November 29, 2005 letter described above and its attachments (id., ¶ 40 & Exh. I thereto); (ii) their sham legal proceedings in TTAB described above (id., ¶ 28(a), 41(b) & Exhs. E, N thereto); (ii) the March 31, 2006 email from Debtor touting its supposed litigation success statistics (id., ¶ 44(b) & Exh. O thereto); (iii) their multiple fraudulent mail and wire communications in or about April 2006 purporting to be from a bogus business entity variously called "GOOGLE LICENSNING [sic]" and "GOOGLETM BRAND TRADEMARK LICENSING" (id., ¶ 38-39 & Exhs. J-L thereto); and (iv) their fraudulent statements beginning on or about April 28, 2006 and through the present that Debtor and Stealth "own and control," and license to third parties, the "GOOGLE" mark (id., ¶ 40 & Exh. M thereto).
- 13. As is evident from these dates and the law cited above, Google's RICO claim did not arise until after the December 20, 2005 Petition Date. Although the proposed defendants' letter dated November 29, 2005 does qualify as their first predicate act, Google plainly could not have sued for their violation of RICO at that time for at least two, separate reasons.

⁴ Also according to the letter, this purported company had been operating "SINCE 1981." See Exh. I to Complaint (capitalization in original).

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- First, merely because the first RICO predicate act targeting Google occurred by 14. letter dated November 29, 2005 -- shortly before the Petition Date -- does not in itself render the RICO claim pre-petition. See Anderson, 23 B.R. at 175 (post-petition breach of contract deemed to be outside scope of automatic stay even though contract was executed pre-petition; "[f]he fact that a contract was executed among the parties" pre-petition "is not sufficient basis to hold that the claim arose prior to the filing."); see also In re M. Frenville Co., 744 F.2d at 335 ("Prepetition acts by a debtor, by themselves, are not sufficient to cause the automatic stay to apply."). Under the law, Google's RICO claim did not accrue until it had discovered its injury. McCool, 972 F.2d at 1465. In this case, that did not occur until the very earliest (even as to the first predicate act consisting of the November 29, 2005 letter) until approximately January 12, 2006 when Google was forced to begin incurring out-of-pocket fees and costs in order to initially investigate the representations set forth in the letter and when Google subsequently ascertained they were false by approximately January 26, 2006. Because Google's discovery of its injury was after the Petition Date, Google's RICO claim could not have been brought before then and is not subject to the automatic stay.
- the Petition Date because "[t]here must, of course, be a pattern of racketeering before the plaintiff's RICO claim accrues, and this requirement might delay accrual until after the plaintiff discovers her injury." *McCool*, 972 F.2d at 1465. Put differently, Google could not have sued on its RICO claim until (at a minimum) the second predicate act occurred. *See id.*; see also Bygrave v. Van Reken, 238 F.3d 419, 2000 WL 1769587, at *4 (6th Cir. 2000) (unpublished disposition) (plaintiff "had no viable RICO claim at that time, because no second predicate act had yet occurred."); *Matthews v. Kidder, Peabody & Company, Inc.*, 2000 WL 33726916, at *13 (W.D. Pa. Aug. 18, 2000) ("Since the pattern requirement of a RICO claim depends on the commission of two or more predicate acts, a cause of action in that case would not accrue until the occurrence of the second act"); *Poling v. K. Hovnanian Enterprises*, 99 F. Supp. 2d 502, 510-11 (D.N.J. 2000) (same, and noting that second predicate act is "necessary to establish the pattern"). As such, because the second predicate act did not occur until the February 9, 2006 email, Google again could not have commenced suit on its RICO claim before the Petition Date

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and the automatic stay does not apply to Google's RICO claim for this further, dispositive reason.⁵

3. Google's Unfair Competition Claim Arose Post-Petition.

- 16. Count III of the Complaint for the Proposed Action is an unfair competition claim against Debtor, Central Mfg, and Stealth. The acts of unfair competition alleged in the Complaint are those previously described above. (See Complaint, ¶ 59-60.)
- 17. An unfair competition claim does not arise until, inter alia, the plaintiff discovers its injury. E.g., Highsmith v. Chrysler Credit Corp., 18 F.3d 434, 441 (7th Cir. 1994) (unfair competition claim "accrues when the plaintiff knows or reasonably should know of his injury and also knows or reasonably should know that it was wrongfully caused.") (quoting and citing Knox College v. Celotex Corp., 88 Ill.2d 407, 415, 430 N.E.2d 976, 980 (1981) and Midland Management Corp. v. Computer Consoles Inc., 837 F. Supp. 886 (N.D. Ill. 1993) (Posner, J., sitting by designation)).
- 18. As discussed above, Google discovered that it had been injured after the Petition Date. Thus, Google's unfair competition claim likewise arose after the Petition Date and is not subject to the automatic bankruptcy stay.

B. <u>Debtor Himself Has Asserted In Other Litigation That The Automatic Stay</u> <u>Does Not Apply To Central Mfg. Or Stealth.</u>

19. Debtor cannot dispute that the Proposed Action should be allowed to proceed against Central Mfg. and Stealth. He himself, along with Central Mfg. and Stealth, asserted in the *Pure Fishing* action earlier this year that the automatic bankruptcy stay did not apply at all to either Central Mfg. or Stealth:

[I]t is clear from a plain reading of § 362(a) that the automatic stay applies only to the bankrupt party. 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1); see also, Lee v. RCN Corp., 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18941 (N.D. Ill. 2004) (citing Fox Valley Constr. Workers v. Pride of the Fox Masonry, 140 F.3d 61, 666 [sic] (7th Cir. 1998). This comports with the overall purpose

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As the discussion above makes clear, even though the Complaint does allege various other pre-Petition Date acts by Debtor and others (including some as early as the 1990 time period), those allegations do not transmogrify Google's claims into pre-petition ones. They are included to prove such matters as the proposed defendants' fraudulent intent and lack of mistake and, furthermore, to establish such matters as continuity and relationship as part of the later pattern of RICO predicate acts that targeted Google. To state the obvious, Google could not have sued Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth under any plausible scenario for RICO violations until it was injured by their misconduct and then discovered its injury beginning in January 2006 and until they committed their second predicate act in February 2006.

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of the statute since that particular section was not designed to afford collateral benefits to non-bankrupt parties involved in litigation with the debtor as party defendants or as codefendants. Id. In fact, the overwhelming majority of courts have held that the lawsuit is only stayed as to the bankrupt party and not as to the non-bankrupt co-defendants. In re Richard B. Vance & Co., 289 B.R. 692, 696-97 (citing, inter alia, Pitts v. Unarco Industries, 698 F.2d 313 (7th Cir. 1983); Sav-a-Trip, Inc. v. Belfort, 164 F.3d 1137 (8th Cir. 1999); In re Miller, 262 B.R. 499 (9th Cir. BAP 2001); Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, Chartered v. Havens, 245 B.R. 180 (D.D.C. 2000)).

20. Having persuaded Judge Lindenberg that the automatic stay did not apply to Central Mfg. or Stealth, Debtor cannot take a contrary tact here without running afoul of the doctrine of judicial estoppel. Johnson v. ExxonMobil Corp., 426 F.3d 887, 891 (7th Cir. 2005) ("The doctrine of judicial estoppel prevents a party from adopting a position in a legal proceeding contrary to a position successfully argued in an earlier legal proceeding."); see also Cannon-Stokes v. Potter, — F.3d —, 2006 WL 1816010, at *1-2 (7th Cir. July 5, 2006) (applying judicial estoppel to bar inconsistent claim).

II. <u>IN THE ALTERNATIVE, THERE IS CAUSE FOR MODIFYING THE STAY TO ALLOW GOOGLE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED ACTION.</u>

- 21. In the alternative, should the Court decide that the automatic stay applies to the Proposed Action in whole or in part, Google respectfully submits that the Court should modify any such stay for cause so as to allow it to file and proceed with the Proposed Action.
- 22. Section 362(d)(1) permits the Court to modify the Bankruptcy Code's automatic stay provisions for "cause." Whether cause exists so as to permit a lawsuit to commence or proceed in another court involves balancing the costs and benefits of maintaining a stay, and discretionary relief from the stay "is determined on a case-by-case basis." In re Fernstrom Storage & Van Co., 938 F.2d 731, 735 (7th Cir. 1991); see also In re Benalcazar, 283 B.R. at 535-36. The Seventh Circuit has adopted a three-prong "balancing of the equities" analysis to guide this determination: (1) whether any great prejudice will result to the debtor or the bankruptcy estate if the stay is modified; (2) whether the hardship to the movant if the stay is not

⁶ Counter-Defendants' Response in Opposition to Counter-Plaintiffs' Brief Captioned as "Response to December 20, 2005 Order," at page 2, attached as Exhibit 2 to the Zeller Dec.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 3. As the Order shows, Judge Lindenberg agreed the automatic stay did not apply to parties other than Debtor, but decided to stay the civil action as against the entity codefendants as a discretionary matter. *Id.*

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lifted considerably outweighs the hardship of the debtor; and (3) whether the movant has a likelihood of prevailing on the merits. Fernstrom, 938 F.2d at 735.

- These factors heavily favor allowing Google to proceed with its Proposed Action. 23. Given the position he took in the Pure Fishing case, Debtor cannot argue that Central Mfg. or Stealth are subject to the automatic stay and thus cannot rely on any alleged prejudice to those entities if the Proposed Action were to proceed.8 Nor can Debtor plausibly claim that he will suffer any cognizable prejudice or that the Proposed Action would interfere with this proceeding. While he undoubtedly will have to defend himself in the Proposed Action, that burden cannot be seriously regarded as prejudice, particularly for someone who touts himself as a professional, full-time litigant and has been responsible for filing dozens of lawsuits in this District alone. E.g. In re A Partners, LLC, --- B.R. ---, 2006 WL 1593954, at * 10 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. June 5, 2006) (in Chapter 11 case, noting that while lifting stay for cause to allow foreclosure would "interfere with" debtor's "financial affairs, that does not mean that the granting of relief [from the stay to the movant] will interfere with this bankruptcy in any way that the court could find to be inappropriate."). Furthermore, since Debtor is the one who chose to intentionally target Google for extortion and fraud - as TTAB already has found as discussed below - Debtor should not be allowed to escape the consequences of his actions. The purpose of the Bankruptcy Code is to protect the innocent, yet unfortunate, debtor. Debtor here is neither. Fairness and equity in no way would justify allowing Debtor to continue to damage Google and its shareholders with impunity, and the automatic stay clearly is not designed to provide him with a safe haven for his continuing fraudulent conduct and racketeering activities. Permitting Google to seek judicial relief to put an end to Debtor's on-going misconduct would not result in prejudice, but in justice.
- 24. Conversely, if forced to delay securing relief and vindicating its rights, Google would suffer hardship that far outweighs any legitimate interest Debtor could invoke. Debtor's deliberate, on-going false advertising alone constitutes irreparable harm because his misrepresentations damage Google's reputation, just as Debtor has indicated is his avowed intent. Castrol, Inc. v. Quaker State Corp., 977 F.2d 57, 62 (2d Cir. 1992) (irreparable harm presumed where literally false advertisement mentions plaintiff or its product by name); Abbott Laboratories v. Mead Johnson & Co., 971 F.2d 6, 16 (7th Cir. 1992) (noting in false advertising

Moreover, there could be no equitable considerations favoring delay in proceeding against Central Mfg. or Stealth since "the 'fresh start' concept does not apply to corporate debtors." In re Pettibone Corp., 151 B.R. 166, 174 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1993).

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case the "well-established presumption that injuries arising from Lanham Act violations are irreparable, even absent a showing of business loss."). Debtor's continuing dissemination of false statements about his alleged ownership of the GOOGLE mark and his claims to be operating various bogus "Google" entities threatens to deceive the unsuspecting public as well.

- 25. Similarly, the "congressional objective" in enacting RICO was to "encourag[e] civil litigation to supplement Government efforts to deter and penalize . . . prohibited practices. The object of civil RICO is thus not merely to compensate victims but to turn them into prosecutors, 'private attorneys general,' dedicated to eliminating racketeering activity." Rotella v. Wood, 528 U.S. 549, 557 (2000). The longer Google is delayed in bringing its RICO claim, the longer this interest is thwarted and the greater Google is damaged. In this regard, Debtor has threatened, in violation of state criminal extortion laws, to "drive down Google stock price" and bring about the "total destruction" of Google unless he is paid his protection money. Having made those dire threats, Debtor can scarcely contest that Google would potentially suffer significant prejudice and hardship if it is precluded from bringing its Proposed Action.
- Google's likelihood of success also weighs in favor of finding that "cause" exists 26. to modify any applicable automatic stay. The Complaint sets forth in detail the facts -- supported by documentary evidence -- giving rise to Google's claims. Many of those facts are beyond dispute. As one example, the claims by the proposed defendants that they own rights to the "Google" mark, and the materials fabricated by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth to misrepresent themselves as variously named "Google" entities, are unquestionably fraudulent. Indeed, while there is abundant evidence to establish this, suffice it to say that TTAB already has so found. Thus, in its Order dated July 14, 2006, TTAB deemed the proposed defendants' assertions of rights to some 1800 marks that they had claimed in legal proceedings before TTAB -- which include their claim of right to the "Google" mark -- to be groundless and made "for improper purposes, namely, to harass the applicants to pay you to avoid litigation or to license one of the marks in which you assert a baseless claim of rights."9 For those violations -- which TTAB stated rose to the level of "egregious" misconduct -- TTAB imposed an array of sanctions, including the subsequent dismissal of an opposition proceeding that Debtor and Central Mfg. had brought against Google in TTAB. 10 And, further eliminating any doubt that the proposed

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A copy of TTAB's July 14, 2006 Order is attached as Exhibit E to the Complaint.
 A copy of the TTAB's dismissal Order is attached as Exhibit N to the Complaint.

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defendants' claims of right are false, Debtor's own filings in this Chapter 13 proceeding and in his 1998 bankruptcy case conspicuously fail to disclose any interest in any entity called "Google," even though Debtor has claimed that this purported business entity has been in operation "SINCE 1981." To cite another example, Debtor's own advertising materials assert that "STOLLER CANCELS THE GOOGLE TRADEMARK." Not only is this an unambiguously false statement, but it is no coincidence that he publicly disseminated it starting on April 20, 2006, only days before announcing — also falsely — that Debtor and Stealth "own and control" the "GOOGLE" mark and proclaiming that they have the right to license it to third parties for a fee. And, as for Debtor's representations that it has prevailed in "over 90%" or "over 95%" of its legal actions or obtained settlements from "99%" of those companies and individuals Defendants have targeted, one Court recently has pointed out their falsity in blunt terms: "[n]o Court has ever found infringement of any trademark allegedly held by Stoller or his related companies in any reported opinion."

- 27. Further confirming the likelihood of Google's success on the merits is the long, irrefutable string of Court decisions condemning the pattern of similar misdeeds perpetrated by Debtor, Central Mfg. and Stealth. Although the Complaint identifies additional instances of the numerous Court and TTAB decisions against the proposed defendants for their false claims of right to trademarks they do not own, their use of bogus corporate identities and their efforts at extortion, the following are particularly pertinent here:
- (a) In S Industries, Inc. v. Centra 2000, Inc., 249 F.3d 625, 627-29 (7th Cir. 2001), the Seventh Circuit found that Debtor and his company's assertion of trademark rights was legally groundless and affirmed an award of attorneys' fees against them for filing "meritless claims" and engaging in other litigation misconduct, which the Seventh Circuit found was part of a "pattern of abusive and improper litigation with which the company and Lee Stoller, its sole shareholder, have burdened the courts of this circuit."
- (b) Even more recently, in *Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett*, No. 04 C 3049 (N.D. III) (Coar, J.), the Court ruled that Central Mfg. and Debtor lacked the trademark rights they had claimed, 12 It further observed that "Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation" and recited the findings by "several courts in this

¹¹ See Order of September 30, 2005, Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett, No. 04 C 3049 (N.D. III) (Coar, J.), at page 2, copy attached as Exhibit 4 to the Zeller Dec.

A copy of the Court's Order is attached as Exhibit 4 to the Zeller Dec.

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district" that Debtor and Central Mfg. are "engage[d] in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose extracting a settlement amount." In this regard, the Court noted that "[t]he sheer number of cases" that Defendants here "have filed in this district raises serious questions" about the "good faith" of Defendants and their counsel. Further, the Court found that the terms of the "settlement agreements" which Debtor and Central Mfg. alleged evidenced their trademark rights in fact confirmed that they had "engage[d] in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose of extracting a settlement amount. The judicial system is not to be used as an aid in such deliberate, malicious, and fraudulent conduct." Finding that "Leo Stoller and his companies present paradigmatic examples of litigants in the business of bringing oppressive litigation designed to extract settlement," and that they also had offered "questionable, and seemingly fantastical documents" and "inconsistent, uncorroborated, or arguably false testimony," the Court ordered them to pay an award of attorneys' fees.

- (c) In Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., No. 05 C 725 (N.D. III) (Lindenberg, J.), the Court entered judgment against Debtor and Central Mfg. as a sanction for their abuse of the legal process. In doing so, the Court observed that Debtor "has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation." In the particular case before it, the Court found that Debtor, Central Mfg. and their counsel had engaged in "gross misconduct" and "unethical conduct" which included Debtor's forging of signatures on pleadings, had brought "baseless" motions and had evinced "flagrant contempt for this Court" and "an appalling lack of regard" for the judicial process. In particular, the Court ruled that "Central Mfg. Co., through Mr. Stoller," and their counsel had violated Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 "by maintaining that Central Mfg. Co. was a Delaware corporation," even though it was in reality a "false corporation" and a "false name" used by Debtor to facilitate and conceal his fraudulent claims to trademark rights.
- (d) In S Industries, Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 17 F. Supp. 2d 775, 779 (N.D. III. 1998) (Andersen, I.), the Court awarded attorney's fees against a company of Debtor based on findings that its claims in the suit were "patently frivolous" and that it had "apparently taken a legitimate procedure designed to protect trademark rights and turned [it] into a means of judicial extortion."

A copy of the Court's Order is attached as Exhibit 5 to the Zeller Dec.

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- 28. Thus, the balancing of equities here amply supports allowing Google to proceed with its Proposed Action even if the automatic stay is deemed to apply.
- 29. Furthermore, "cause" for relief from the automatic stay may be found where the debtor's filing of a bankruptcy petition was in bad faith. In re Laguna Associates Limited Partnership v. Aetna Cas. & Surety Co., 30 F.3d 734, 737 (6th Cir. 1994) ("As a number of our sister circuits have recognized, a debtor's lack of good faith in filing a petition for bankruptcy may be the basis for lifting the automatic stay."); In re Arnold, 806 F.2d 937, 939 (9th Cir. 1986) ("The debtor's lack of good faith in filing a bankruptcy has often been used as cause for removing the automatic stay."); see also In re Syed, 238 B.R. 126, 133 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1999) (lack of good faith "supports the retroactive annulment of the automatic stay."). Good faith in Chapter 13 filings is determined by the totality of the circumstances, and "the focus of the inquiry is fundamental fairness." In re Love, 957 F.2d 1350, 1357 (7th Cir. 1992) (also explaining "both objective evidence of a fundamentally unfair result and subjective evidence that a debtor filed a petition for a fundamentally unfair purpose that was not in line with the spirit of the Bankruptcy Code are relevant to the good faith inquiry").
- been briefed on the Motion to Convert filed by the Pure Fishing entities and is set for an evidentiary hearing before the Court. In the event that the Court finds Debtor's filing was in bad faith on the Motion to Convert, then that finding should equally serve here to establish cause for lifting any applicable automatic stay. Google will not burden the Court by repeating the evidence and legal analysis presented on that motion showing Debtor's lack of good faith, although one additional point mentioned above that bears on Google's claims further tends to underscore Debtor's bad faith in this, as well as his 1998, bankruptcy. None of Debtor's disclosures in those proceedings mentioned the supposed "Google" business that he now claims to have been long operating, allegedly since 1981. Accordingly, if it does exist, Debtor committed fraud by failing to disclose assets in which he has an interest to the Court and the Trustee. If it does not exist, then permitting Google to bring its suit to establish the fraudulent nature of those and related representations by Debtor could not possibly interfere with this proceeding. Either way, having not deigned to identify this alleged "business" in his bankruptcy

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disclosures, Debtor should not now be heard to argue that his bankruptcy case should shield him from Google's Proposed Action.¹⁴

Waiver of Rule 4001(a)(3)

31. Google requests that any Order granting relief provide for a waiver of the 10-day period set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 4001(a)(3).

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Google respectfully requests that the Court enter an order declaring that Google's Proposed Action is not subject to the automatic stay or, in the alternative, modifying any such stay to allow Google to file and proceed with the Proposed Action.

DATED: August 18, 2006

Respectfully submitted, GOOGLE INC.

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To avoid any argument by Debtor that a granting of the Motion to Convert by the Court would render Google's claims pre-petition and thus subject to the automatic stay, Google respectfully requests that the Court grant Google's motion before entering an order granting the Motion to Convert.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re

LEO STOLLER.

Debtor.

Chapter 7

Case No. 05-64075

Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

Hearing Date: January 18, 2007

Hearing Time: 11:00 a.m.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ORDER DECLARING PROPOSED SUIT TO BE OUTSIDE SCOPE OF STAY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MODIFYING STAY [DOCKET NO. 113]

Google Inc. ("Google") having filed its Motion for Order Declaring Proposed Suit to be Outside Scope of Stay or, In the Alternative, Modifying Stay (the "Motion") on August 18, 2006, and hearings having been held on the Motion on August 23, 2006, August 31, 2006, September 14, 2006, October 5, 2006, October 19, 2006, November 9, 2006, December 5, 2006, December 12, 2006, December 19, 2006, and January 4, 2007 and Google having entered into a compromise with the Chapter 7 trustee appointed in this case concerning the relief sought in the Motion as to the estate and entities owned or controlled by the estate, which compromise has been approved by a separate Order of this Court entered on December 5, 2006 (such Order and the Settlement Agreement it approved being the "Settlement Order"), and the Debtor having objected to the Motion which objection the Court overruled in open court on January 4, 2007, and the Court having made, on the record at the January 4, 2007 hearing, findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the Court having found that there is cause to grant Google relief from the automatic stay,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Google is granted relief from the automatic stay so that it may take the actions, including filing an action against the Debtor in the United States District

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Court, described in the Motion and any ancillary, necessary, or appropriate actions in connection

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Google shall take no action to collect a monetary judgment against Leo Stoller personally without obtaining prior leave of this Court; provided however that if this case is dismissed or if Leo Stoller has been denied a discharge under 11 U.S.C. §727 then Google shall not have to obtain leave before collecting any judgment it obtains against Leo Stoller.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the relief granted herein pertains only to Leo Stoller personally and nothing herein amends or supersedes the provisions of the Settlement Order.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

ln re:) Case No. 05 B 64075
) Chapter 13
LEO STOLLER,)
) Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer
Debtor.)
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ORDER CONVERTING CHAPTER 13 CASE TO A CASE UNDER CHAPTER 7

This matter having been presented to the Court upon the Motion (the "Motion") to Convert Chapter 13 Case to Chapter 7 and for Immediate Appointment of Trustee filed on March 15, 2006, by Pure Fishing, Inc. ("PFI"), and the Court having conducted a hearing on the Motion and having concluded at the end of that hearing, pursuant to comments which shall be amplified by further findings of fact and conclusions of law, that sufficient cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Motion;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court does hereby ORDER that:

- 1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c), the Motion is granted and the captioned case hereby is converted from a proceeding under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code to a proceeding under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, *mine pro tune* August 31, 2006;
 - 2. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 701, the United States Trustee shall appoint an interim

trustee in this case.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re

Chapter 7

LEO STOLLER,

Case No. 05-64075

Debtor.

Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

Hearing Date: October 5, 2006 Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF DEBTOR'S WHOLLY-OWNED CORPORATIONS AND RELATED RELIEF

Upon consideration of the application (the "Motion") of Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate of Leo Stoller (the "Debtor"), for the entry of an order authorizing the Trustee to act on behalf of the Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations (as defined in the Motion) solely in the Trustee's capacity as the sole shareholder of such corporations; due and proper notice of the Motion having been given; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises; its is hereby

ORDERED:

- Notice of the Motion as provided for therein is sufficient and further notice is waived.
- 2. The Trustee is authorized to act on behalf of each of the Wholly-Owned

 Corporations in the capacity of sole shareholder of each respective corporation as set forth in the

Motion.

Dated:

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Bankruptcy Judge

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re

LEO STOLLER,

Debtor.

Chapter 7

Case No. 05-64075

Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

Hearing Date: December 5, 2006

Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

ORDER APPROVING TRUSTEE'S AGREEMENT WITH GOOGLE, INC. TO MODIFY STAY AND COMPROMISE CERTAIN CLAIMS OF DEBTOR'S WHOLLY-OWNED CORPORATIONS AND RELATED RELIEF

Upon consideration of the application (the "Motion") of Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate of Leo Stoller (the "Debtor"), for the entry of an order approving an agreement by and between Google, Inc. ("Google") and the Trustee, in his capacity as sole shareholder of certain of the Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations (as defined in the Motion) to modify the automatic stay and compromise certain claims (the "Agreement"); due and proper notice of the Motion having been given; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises; its is hereby

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- Notice of the Motion as provided for therein is sufficient and further notice is waived.
- The terms of the Agreement as further specified in the Motion are approved
 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 362(d) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(d).
- 3. The Trustee is authorized to take such further actions and execute such documents, including but not limited to the Agreement, as may be necessary to document the terms of the Agreement, as further set forth in the Motion.

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4. The stay, to the extent applicable, is hereby modified consistent with the terms of the Agreement.

5. This Court shart retain jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this order after notice and a hearing, and to reconsider of water or kealing for only chould then backterfly care backlassinged.

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6. for reasons stated the objections
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

GOOGLE INC.,)	
)	Civil Action No. 07 CV 385
Plaintiff,)	
)	Hon. Virginia M. Kendall
VS.)	
)	Hearing Date: October 13, 2009
CENTRAL MFG. INC. a/k/a CENTRAL)	Hearing Time: 9 a.m.
MFG. CO., a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO.)	
(INC.), a/k/a CENTRAL)	
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.)	
and a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO. OF)	
ILLINOIS; and STEALTH INDUSTRIES,)	
INC. a/k/a RENTAMARK and a/k/a)	
RENTAMARK.COM,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MOTION FOR ENTRY OF STIPULATED PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT

Plaintiff Google Inc. ("Google") respectfully requests that the Court enter the Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment (the "Injunction and Final Judgment"), lodged concurrently herewith, that has been agreed to by the parties in complete and final resolution of this action.

Background

Defendants to this action are two corporate entities, Central Mfg. Inc. ("Central Mfg.") and Stealth Industries, Inc. ("Stealth") (Central Mfg. and Stealth are, collectively, "Defendants"). Defendants' former principal, Leo Stoller ("Debtor"), filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy proceedings on December 20, 2005. Subsequently, on August 31, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court converted Debtor's bankruptcy to one under Chapter 7 for, among other reasons, Debtor's failure to maintain books or records (including for the Defendants and other entities in which he claimed

¹ Declaration of Michael T. Zeller in Support of Motion for Entry of Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment, dated September 30, 2009 and filed concurrently herewith ("Zeller Dec."), Exh. 1.

an interest) and his failures to disclose assets.² By Order dated October 5, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court duly authorized the Trustee to act on behalf of the Defendants.³

On July 24, 2009 and August 7, 2009, the Bankruptcy Court held an auction hearing for the sale of assets in Debtor's bankruptcy estate, including the stock and assets of the corporate entity Defendants.⁴ On August 8, 2007, the Bankruptcy Court approved a sale to The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (the "SPTA").⁵ In doing so, the Bankruptcy Court found:

Sound business reasons exist for the Trustee's sale of the Assets pursuant to the APA [Asset Purchase Agreement]. Entry into the APA and the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby constitute the exercise by the Trustee of sound business judgment and such acts are in the best interests of the Debtor, his estate and its creditors;

[T]he Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC . . . made the only offer received for the Assets within the time period ordered, which offer was in the amount of \$7500.00;

[T]he APA [Asset Purchase Agreement] and the transactions contemplated by the APA were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Trustee and the [SPTA] at arm's length, without collusion and in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

The Purchase Price under the APA is fair and reasonable and is sufficient value for the Assets, since it was the only valid offer received. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the APA is in the best interests of the Debtor and his estate, its creditors and other parties in interest.⁶

Having obtained the Bankruptcy Court's approval, the Trustee and the SPTA entered into an assignment dated August 20, 2007 (the "Assignment").⁷ The Assignment transferred to the SPTA all right, title and interest in the stock and all other assets, including any and all trademark rights, held by the Defendants.⁸ On the same day, as the new stockholder of the Defendants, the

² Zeller Dec., Exhs. 2, 3.

³ Zeller Dec., Exh. 4.

⁴ Zeller Dec., Exh. 5, at 1.

⁵ Zeller Dec., Exhs. 5, 6.

⁶ Zeller Dec., Exh. 5, at 2-3.

⁷ Zeller Dec., Exh. 7.

⁸ *Id*.

SPTA removed Stoller from "any and all positions, offices, and capacities in connection with each of the corporations.",9

On August 10, 2007, Debtor appealed the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order to the District Court. 10 This appeal was dismissed on October 1, 2007. 11 Debtor's motion to reinstate the appeal was denied on April 24, 2009, and his motion to file in forma pauperis was denied on May 8, 2009. 12 On May 22, 2009, Debtor appealed the District Court's April 24 and May 8, 2009 rulings to the Seventh Circuit. 13 However, it appears that Debtor's appeal has been dismissed for failure to comply with the fee requirements of Seventh Circuit Rule 3(b)¹⁴ and thus no further appeals are now available to Debtor.

As set forth in its Complaint and discussed below, this action stems from these corporate Defendants' pattern of fraudulent acts that targeted Google for extortion and, in the process, cost Google hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage -- damage that continues to this day. Google and the SPTA have come to a resolution regarding Google's Complaint, consisting of the entry of the Injunction and Final Judgment in this action. The Injunction and Final Judgment is intended to ensure that Google is protected against further repetition of Defendants' misconduct.

Summary Of Facts Giving Rise To Suit

A. Defendants' History Of Vexatious Litigation.

Defendants are two corporate entities, Central Mfg. and Stealth. Debtor, who is currently in Chapter 7 bankruptcy, has claimed to be Defendants' former principal and to have employed at least another three others in conducting the affairs of Defendants.¹⁵ As discussed above, the Defendants are now owned and under the control of the SPTA, and Debtor has no authority over or role with the Defendants.

As the Seventh Circuit, Courts in this District and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board repeatedly have found, Defendants' affairs for at least the past decade have included an extensive

Zeller Dec., Exh. 8.

¹⁰ Zeller Dec., Exh. 9.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 10.

Zeller Dec., Exhs. 11, 12.

Zeller Decl., Exh. 13.

Zeller Dec., Exhs. 14, 15. A search conducted on the Seventh Circuit's PACER website resulted in no matches for the appeal number in the May 28, 2009 Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice, indicating that the appeal was dismissed before being docketed because Debtor failed to pay the docketing fee. Zeller Dec., ¶ 15.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 16, at 14-18.

scheme of fraudulently claiming trademark rights for the purpose of harassing and attempting to extort money out of legitimate commercial actors, both large and small. 16 The judicial decisions awarding fees and otherwise imposing sanctions against Defendants and Debtor for their fraudulent and other illegal conduct, their assertion of rights that they do not own, their pattern of bringing meritless lawsuits and even their fabrication of evidence are legion. Although it has exhibited many facets, Defendants' scheme at its core has involved targeting companies (and sometimes individuals) with threats of litigation that were based on Defendants' false claims to own literally many thousands of trademarks, co-joined with Defendants' offers to "license" their non-existent trademark rights for an amount less than the frivolous litigation would cost the victims. Then, in many instances, if no money was forthcoming, Defendants proceeded to file sham proceedings in the Courts and/or in the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("TTAB"). Although Google cannot be sure of the exact number, Defendants instituted in excess of 37 lawsuits in this District alone and filed hundreds of proceedings in the TTAB. 17 At least seven of those lawsuits resulted in fee awards against Defendants, and none of them resulted in any Court decision on the merits granting Defendants relief. As Judge Coar observed in Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett, "[n]o Court has ever found infringement of any trademark allegedly held by Stoller or his related companies in any reported opinion." ¹⁸

B. The *Pure Fishing* and *Brett* Decisions.

In late 2005, Defendants were in the process of losing yet two more of the many frivolous lawsuits that they had brought and were facing the prospect of paying significant fee awards. In one, *Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett*, ¹⁹ the Court ruled that Defendant Central Mfg. lacked the trademark rights it had claimed and on that basis, among others, entered judgment against it and ordered Defendant Central Mfg. to pay attorney's fees. ²⁰ In reviewing the evidence, the Court found that Defendant Central Mfg. had "engage[d] in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose of extracting a settlement amount. The judicial system is not to be used as an aid in such deliberate, malicious, and fraudulent conduct." ²¹ The Court also found

A summary of examples of these decisions is attached hereto as Appendix 1.

A list of these cases is attached as Exhibit A to the Complaint and also included in the *Brett* decision, attached as Exh. 17 to the Zeller Dec.

¹⁸ Zeller Dec., Exh. 17, at 2.

¹⁹ No. 04 C 3049 (N.D. Ill) (Coar, J.).

²⁰ Zeller Dec., Exh. 17, at 30.

²¹ *Id.*, at 27.

that it had offered "questionable, and seemingly fantastical documents" and "inconsistent, uncorroborated, or arguably false testimony" in the suit.²²

The Seventh Circuit subsequently affirmed. Central Mfg. Inc. v. Brett, 492 F.3d 876, 880-81 (7th Cir. 2008). In upholding the fee award on the grounds that Defendant Central Mfg.'s suit lacked merit and had elements of abuse of process, the Court of Appeals observed that Defendant and Debtor not only had given "misleading deposition testimony," but had "effectively made a mockery of the entire proceeding". *Id.* at 883-84.

In the other case, Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., 23 the Court entered judgment against Defendant Central Mfg. as a sanction for its and Debtor's abuse of the legal process and their violations of Rule 11. The Court observed that Debtor "has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation." In the particular case before it, the Court found Defendant Central Mfg., Debtor and their counsel had engaged in "gross misconduct" and "unethical conduct" that included (1) Debtor's signing of pleadings with counsel's name, even though Debtor is not a lawyer; (2) bringing motions "that lacked any evidentiary support" and were otherwise "baseless"; and (3) evincing a "flagrant contempt for this Court" and "an appalling lack of regard" for the judicial process.²⁴

C. **Defendants Target Google And Hundreds Of Others.**

Soon after the District Court decisions in *Pure Fishing* and *Brett*, Defendants embarked on an expanded scheme. Between November 2005 and July 2006 alone, Defendants filed more than 1800 requests for extensions of time to oppose applications for trademark registrations that had been published by the United States Trademark Office.²⁵ Such extension requests, by their mere filing, delayed the issuance of each and every trademark registration that was the subject of Defendants' actions.²⁶ Simultaneous with this proliferation of filings, Defendants sought to extract money or property out of at least many hundreds of applicants by asserting that Defendants purportedly owned rights to all of these many hundreds of marks which were the subject of those applications. Many of these extortionate demands and false representations

No. 05 C 725 (N.D. Ill) (Lindberg, J.). Zeller Dec., Exh. 18.

Id. Judge Lindberg subsequently ordered Defendants and Debtor to pay in excess of \$900,000 in fees and damages and declared them to be "vexatious" litigants. Zeller Dec., Exh.

Zeller Dec., Exh. 20, at 1, 12 (July 14, 2006 Order).

Id., at 12.

directed to applicants for registration are evidenced in Defendants' sham filings with the Trademark Office itself. For example, Defendants' April 12, 2006 request for an extension of time to oppose a trademark application for "VP VENTURES" included the following:

Please contact (773-589-0915 FAX) VENTURE BRAND LICENSING to resolve this trademark controversy VENTURE v VP VENTURES and/or merely file an Express Abandonment! See rentamark.com, the nationally renowned trademark licensing and enforcement firm since 1974 for all of your VENTURE BRAND LICENSING, trademark valuations, expert witness testimony and trademark litigation support services, ie., brief writing, trademark searches, legal research, appeals, etc.²⁷

Defendants' Falsely Claim Rights To "Google" And Demand Money.

It was in this context of Defendants' expanded scheme of making spurious claims to many thousands of marks, and their pattern of unlawfully demanding licensing fees and threatening and filing sham legal proceedings, that Defendants targeted Plaintiff Google. On November 27, 2005, as one of the some 1800 requests for extension of time eventually filed by Defendants with the TTAB, Defendant Central Mfg. sought a request for an extension of time to oppose an application for registration filed by Plaintiff Google for certain goods.²⁸ Two days later, Defendants sent Google a letter that purported to be on the letterhead of an entity called "GOOGLE BRAND PRODUCTS & SERVICES," which claimed to have been in business "SINCE 1981."²⁹ In it, Defendants alleged to "hold common law rights" in the mark GOOGLE and to "have been using the similar mark GOOGLE for many years." The attachments to the letter also repeatedly proclaimed Defendants' "ownership of the mark GOOGLE," and contained spurious notices of copyright registration and trademark registration for "Google." In this letter, Defendants threatened to harass Google through legal proceedings -- along with "extensive discovery" that included depositions of Applicant's "executive officers" -- and referenced the fact

²⁷ A copy of this filing is Exhibit C to the Complaint. Many of Defendants' more than 1800 filings included virtually identical language, except that Defendants substituted a different bogus "licensing" entity that purported to have a name supposedly similar to the mark which was the subject of the application -- such as "ELLA BRAND LICENSING," "FINGO BRAND LICENSING," "SKILL BRAND LICENSING," "MERMAID BRAND LICENSING," "DIAMOND BRAND LICENSING," "STRA BRAND LICENSING," "WORKOUT BRAND LICENSING," "FRIENDS NETWORK BRAND LICENSING," "SIFI BRAND LICENSING," BRAND LICENSING," "NANO BRAND LICENSING," "HAPPY LICENSING," "LAKE BRAND LICENSING" and "RUNNER BRAND LICENSING." See Complaint, Exhibit D.

²⁸ See Complaint, Exhibit H.

²⁹ Defendants' November 29, 2005 letter and its attachments is Exhibit I to the Complaint.

that the mere filing of a legal proceeding, regardless of its lack of merit, would cost Google at least \$150,000. In exchange for refraining from inflicting such damage, Defendants demanded that Google either (1) pay them at least \$100,000 or a percentage of Google's revenues as a "licensing" fee; or else (2) cease all use of GOOGLE in connection with Google's business.

2. <u>Defendants' TTAB Proceedings Against Google, One Of Which</u> Results In Sanctions Against Defendant Central Mfg.

After Google refused Defendants' demands, Defendant Central Mfg. then instituted proceedings against Google in the TTAB and the Trademark Office. Two are most pertinent here. First, on March 1, 2006, Defendant Central Mfg. filed Opposition No. 91170256 (the "Opposition") against Google's Application S/N 76314811 for the GOOGLE mark for various goods and services (the "Application"). The Opposition was the result of a request for the extension of time to oppose the Application that Defendant Central Mfg. had filed on November 27, 2005 and thus was among the 1800 requests that Defendants had filed with the TTAB beginning in November 2005.

In the aftermath of Defendants' barrage of filings in the TTAB, the TTAB issued a March 28, 2006 Show Cause Order (the "OSC"). The OSC noted that Debtor and the entities he purported to control had engaged in a "pattern of misconduct and abuse of the TTAB's processes" over the course of "many years." It also directed Debtor and Defendants to provide "for *each* of the marks for which you requested an extension of time to file an opposition, evidence that supports a claim that you may be damaged by registration of the mark" and to "demonstrate that the extension requests were not filed for improper purposes but, instead, were based on cognizable rights you may have arising under the Trademark Act."

Subsequently, by Order dated July 14, 2006, the TTAB found that Defendants' response to the OSC did not provide any of the proof that the law required and that the TTAB had mandated: "Your submissions do not substantiate your rights in *any* of the claimed marks, let alone support a colorable claim of damage.... You submitted no evidence of products or services bearing these alleged marks, no evidence that you have sold any products or services under these marks, and no evidence of your advertising of goods or services with these marks."³³

³⁰ Zeller Dec., Exh. 21.

³¹ *Id.* ¶ 21, Exh. 20, at pp. 1-2 (July 14, 2006 Order).

³² *Id.*, at 2-3, 9 (emphasis added).

³³ *Id.*, at 9 (emphasis added).

Indeed, as the TTAB observed, the evidence Defendants did provide only served to "reinforce the conclusion that you are holding up thousands of applications in an attempt to coerce applicants to license, i.e., 'rent,' trademarks to which you have not demonstrated any proprietary right."³⁴ The TTAB accordingly found that Defendants lacked "a colorable claim" and had "filed the extension requests *for improper purposes, namely, to harass the applicants to pay you to avoid litigation or to license one of the marks in which you assert a baseless claim of rights.*"³⁵

For those violations, which constituted "egregious" misconduct, the TTAB imposed an array of sanctions.³⁶ One sanction included the TTAB's outright dismissal of Defendant Central Mfg.'s Opposition proceeding against Google.³⁷

Second, Defendant Central Mfg. also brought a Cancellation proceeding, No. 92045778, against Google in the TTAB, which proceeding was instituted on May 8, 2006 (the "Cancellation Proceeding"). The Registration that Defendant sought to cancel is No. 2806075 for GOOGLE for specified goods and services in International Classes 38 and 42. In its Petition for Cancellation, Defendant Central Mfg. again claimed that it owns "Common Law rights in and to the mark GOOGLE."

3. Examples Of Defendants' Further Misconduct Against Google.

Not content with harassing Google with TTAB proceedings in Defendants' gambit to extract money, Defendant Stealth (under the d/b/a Rentamark) began representing to the public in approximately April 2006 that "GOOGLE" was among the marks it purported to "own and control" and that it was offering for licensing to third parties. In addition to the fabricated "Google" documents mentioned above, Defendants also continued to circulate additional bogus commercial documents, including fax sheets and address labels, supposedly evidencing an entity

³⁴ *Id.*, at 9-10.

³⁵ *Id.*, at 11-12 (emphasis added).

³⁶ *Id.*, at 12-13. These sanctions included vacating "each request for extension of time to oppose" Defendants or Debtor had filed between November 2005 and July 2006; prohibiting them or any attorney on their behalf from filing requests for extension of time for two years; and permanently prohibiting Debtor and Defendants from appearing before the Board for purposes of filing any requests for extension of time.

³⁷ *Id.* ¶ 21, Exh. 20, at 1-2 (July 30, 2006 Order).

Zeller Dec., Exh. 22 (Petition for Cancellation, \P 4). The Cancellation Proceeding was later dismissed by the TTAB in view of the SPTA's motion to (1) be substituted as party-plaintiff in the proceeding; and (2) withdraw all pending motions in the proceeding and the opposition with prejudice. Zeller Dec., Exh. 23.

See Complaint, Exhibit M; see also Complaint, Exhibits F and G.

they variously called "GOOGLETM BRAND TRADEMARK LICENSING" and "GOOGLE LICENSNING [sic]."40 Simultaneously with these activities, Defendants engaged in other acts of harassment and extortion, including by threatening to "refe[r]" Google's top-level executives "to the US Attorney" for a spurious "perjury charge." Defendants repeatedly threatened to publicize their fabricated allegations, which they claimed would mean "Google's stock won't be worth \$5.00 a share" and would result in "the total destruction" of Google.⁴² After again threatening to publicize their allegations with the intention of "driv[ing] down Google stock price," one such communication concluded with the statement: "I would not be surpirsed [sic] if Google goes out of business by the conclusion of this proceeding."⁴³

Grounds For This Motion

As the Supreme Court has stated, District Courts may properly enter a consent decree where it (1) "spring[s] from and serve[s] to resolve a dispute within the courts' subject-matter jurisdiction"; (2) "come[s] within the general scope of the case made by the pleadings"; and (3) furthers the objectives upon which the complaint was based. Local No. 93, Int'l Ass'n of Firefighters v. Cleveland, 478 U.S. 501, 525-26, 106 S. Ct. 3063, 3077 (1986). "However, in addition to the law which forms the basis of the claim, the parties' consent animates the legal force of a consent decree. Therefore, a federal court is not necessarily barred from entering a consent decree merely because the decree provides broader relief than the court could have awarded after a trial." Id. As one Court of Appeals has stated, "the parties enjoy wide latitude in terms of what they may agree to by consent decree and have sanctioned by a court." Conservation Law Foundation of New England, Inc. v. Franklin, 989 F.2d 54, 59 (1st Cir. 1993); see also United States v. Bliss, 133 F.R.D. 559, 567 (E.D. Mo. 1990) ("Unless a consent decree is unfair, inadequate, or unreasonable, it ought to be approved.").

Google respectfully submits that the Injunction and Final Judgment amply satisfies these standards. Entry of the Injunction and Final Judgment will result in a resolution of Google's monetary claims against Defendants while also providing Google with the injunctive relief that it needs to avoid further, protracted litigation that will burden Google and the judicial system.

Examples of these are attached as Exhibits J, K and L to the Complaint.

Complaint, Exhibit O.

Complaint, Exhibit R.

Complaint, Exhibit S.

Thus, the Injunction and Final Judgment comes within the general scope of the case as reflected by the pleadings, and its entry would further the objectives upon which the Complaint was based. Because the Complaint alleges federal claims within the Court's federal question jurisdiction and a pendent state law claim within the Court's supplemental jurisdiction, the Injunction and Final Judgment springs from and serves to resolve a dispute within its subject matter jurisdiction.⁴⁴ Finally, Google submits that the resolution here is fair and reasonable.

Injunctive Relief Is Warranted

As discussed below, prospective relief in the form of an injunction is warranted for two principal reasons, notwithstanding the SPTA's status as successor in interest to the Defendants.

First, the law has long considered the continuing effects of past illegal conduct to be an important factor in justifying injunctive relief. Int'l Salt Co. v. United States, 332 U.S. 392, 400-01 (1947) (abrogated on other grounds by Illinois Tool Works Inc. v. Independent Ink, Inc., 126 S.Ct. 1281 (2006)). Indeed, even where the challenged conduct has voluntarily ceased, an injunction is still warranted unless "interim relief or events have completely and irrevocably eradicated the effects of the alleged violation." Pederson v. Louisiana State Univ., 213 F.3d 858, 874 (5th Cir. 2000) (emphasis added).

Here, the harm to Google is on-going and can be brought to a final, certain end only by a District Court injunction. More specifically, Defendants were the ones that spuriously claimed to be the rights holders to GOOGLE and to have rights superior to Google.⁴⁵ They also disseminated to the public for years false statements that they owned the GOOGLE mark, that they had the right to license it and that they had even cancelled Google's registration. An

⁴⁴ Although the SPTA has dissolved both of the Defendants (Zeller Dec., Exhs. 24, 25), this does not prevent them from being subject to continued suit here or from stipulating to judgment. Courts in this Circuit look to state law in analyzing a dissolved corporation's ability to sue or be sued. See Sharif v. Int'l Dev. Group Co., Ltd., 399 F.3d 857, 860-61 (7th Cir. 2005) (applying Illinois corporate survival statute 805 ILCS 5/12.80). Under both Illinois and Delaware state law, a corporation can participate in litigation after being dissolved if the litigation is initiated before or within five years or three years, respectively, after dissolution. See 805 ILCS 5/12.80 (corporation can sue or be sued on claims brought before and up to 5 years post-dissolution); 8 Del.C. § 278 (same, for 3 years post-dissolution). Here, because the complaint in this action was filed on January 19, 2007, and the SPTA submitted filings in 2008 to dissolve the Defendants, this suit easily meets either State's corporate survival statute. Zeller Dec., Exhs. 24, 25. Indeed, in proceedings in the TTAB, Defendant Central Mfg. (and not Debtor) was the sole

named Petitioner against Google and repeatedly alleged that it (and not Debtor) was the owner of all right, title and interest in "Google." Zeller Dec., Exhs. 21 (Opposition, ¶ 6-7); 22, (Cancellation, $\P 4$); and 26.

injunction is needed to eliminate any potential for continued confusion and misunderstanding that these falsehoods were intentionally designed to create, especially since at no point did the corporate entities retract or correct them to make clear that Defendants have no such rights. As Defendants themselves admitted it, their targeting of Google was designed to produce a "cloud" over Google's rights and damage its business, which Defendants cited as a reason that Google should simply give in to their efforts to extort money. In short, only an injunction entered by this Court can rectify the continuing and future effects of harm to Google and the public that Defendants' conduct deliberately sought to inflict.

Second, and independently, "[i]t is well settled that 'a defendant's voluntary cessation of a challenged practice does not deprive a federal court of its power to determine the legality of the practice.' '[I]f it did, the courts would be compelled to leave [t]he defendant . . . free to return to his old ways." Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. Laidlaw Envtl. Servs., Inc., 528 U.S. 167, 189 (2000) (quoting City of Mesquite v. Aladdin's Castle, Inc., 455 U.S. 283, 289 (1982), and citing United States v. W.T. Grant Co., 345 U.S. 629, 632 (1953)). To obtain an injunction, a plaintiff therefore need not prove that it is likely the misconduct will be repeated. Cf. Levi Strauss & Co. v. Shilon, 121 F.3d 1309, 1314 (9th Cir. 1997) ("A trademark plaintiff is entitled to effective relief; and in any doubt in respect of the extent thereof must be resolved in the plaintiff's favor as the innocent producer and against the defendant, which has shown by its conduct that it is not to be trusted. [Plaintiff] is not required to produce evidence that [defendant] is likely to infringe again." (citations and quotations omitted)).

As shown above, the effects of the conduct challenged has not ceased. But even apart from this, it is indisputable that Defendants engaged in a wide ranging pattern of illegal activity that spanned over a decade. Where, as here, a violation has been founded upon systematic wrongdoing, rather than on an isolated occurrence, the Seventh Circuit has observed that a court

Complaint, Exhibit I (November 29, 2005 letter stating "As well known to the Applicant, an Opposer in any opposition proceeding has the clear distinct procedural advantage in that there is an automatic "cloud" placed over the Applicant's title to its mark, which will <u>not</u> evaporate until the final court, the Federal Circuit speaks." (emphasis in original)).

⁴⁷ Accordingly, unless a party resisting an injunction can also show that "there is no reasonable expectation...that the alleged violation will recur," then an injunction is justified. *Pederson*, 213 F.3d at 874. Because "[v]oluntary cessation of allegedly illegal conduct" is looked upon with extreme skepticism by courts, however, the burden of substantiating such a contention "is a heavy one." *United States v. Realty Multi-List, Inc.*, 629 F.2d 1351, 1388 (5th Cir. 1980) (quoting *W.T. Grant Co.*, 345 U.S. at 632-33).

should be more inclined to issue an injunction. *Commodity Futures Trading Comm. v. Hunt*, 591 F.2d 1211, 1220 (7th Cir. 1979). Furthermore, this activity was not accomplished just by Debtor acting alone. It was also carried out by others who have been employed by, or otherwise represented, Defendants, along with supposed licensees who have likewise colluded with Defendants in their campaign of unlawful behavior. Under these circumstances, the injunction will help avoid a repetition of Defendants' long-standing pattern of misconduct in the future, including by ensuring that no would-be claimant can attempt to argue that it has rights derived from Defendants. This is particularly true since, as one Court put it in finding that an injunction was proper in a trademark infringement case, "if the defendants sincerely intend not to infringe, the injunction harms them little; if they do, it gives [plaintiff] substantial protection". *Polo Fashions, Inc. v. Dick Bruhn, Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1132, 1135-36 (9th Cir. 1986).

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Google respectfully requests that the Court enter the Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment.

DATED: September 30, 2009 Respectfully submitted,

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As shown above, Debtor has previously testified that Defendants have had at least three other employees. Furthermore, in the *Pure Fishing* case, the claims were also brought by an ostensible licensee who attempted to advance Defendant Central Mfg.'s spurious claims. *See* Zeller Dec., Exh. 17, at 5.

Appendix Of Additional Examples Of Decisions

- In S Industries, Inc. v. Centra 2000, Inc., 249 F.3d 625, 627-29 (7th Cir. 2001), 1. the Seventh Circuit found that S Industries, Inc. ("SI")⁴⁹ and Debtor's assertion of trademark rights was groundless and affirmed an award of attorneys' fees against SI for filing "meritless claims" and engaging in other litigation misconduct, which the Seventh Circuit found was part of a "pattern of abusive and improper litigation with which the company and Lee Stoller, its sole shareholder, have burdened the courts of this circuit." Although this suit resulted in a fee award against SI and/or Debtor, upon information and belief such award has not been paid.
- 2. In S Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d 796, 798-99, 819 (N.D. Ill. 1998) (Castillo, J.), the Court awarded attorney's fees against SI for its "continuing pattern of bad faith litigation." The Court also found that the documentary evidence submitted by SI and Debtor was "highly questionable" and "perhaps fabricated" and that Debtor's sworn testimony was "inconsistent, uncorroborated, and in some cases, demonstrably false."
- In S Industries, Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 17 F. Supp. 2d 775, 779 3. (N.D. III. 1998) (Andersen, J.), the Court awarded fees against SI based on findings that its claims were "patently frivolous" and that it had "apparently taken a legitimate procedure designed to protect trademark rights and turned [it] into a means of judicial extortion."
- In S Indus., Inc. and Central Mfg. Co. v. JL Audio, Inc., Opposition No. 110,672, Order of May 13, 2003 (TTAB), the Board stated that "Mr. Stoller's and opposers' litigation strategy of delay, harassment and even falsifying documents in other cases is well documented" and further noted Debtor's history of being "sanctioned, individually, for making material misrepresentations."
- 5. In S Indus., Inc. and Central Mfg. Co. v. Casablanca Indus., Inc., Cancellation No. 92024330, Order of Oct. 3, 2002 (TTAB), the Board likewise observed that Defendant Central Mfg.'s and Debtor's "litigation strategy of delay, harassment, and falsifying documents in other cases is well documented."
- In S Indus., Inc. v. S&W Sign Co., Inc., Opposition No. 91102907 (Dec. 16, 1999), the Board noted that "[t]he lack of credibility of Mr. Stoller is a matter of public record."

SI was the claimed predecessor of Defendant Central Mfg. and Defendant Stealth and purported to "transfer" its alleged rights to Defendants at various points in the 1990s so that Defendants could claim longer use of the phantom marks and thus assert supposed priority in rights against others. Complaint, ¶¶ 13-21, Exhs. A, B.

- 7. In *S. Indus. Inc. v. Lamb-Weston Inc.*, 45 U.S.P.Q.2d 1293, 1295 (TTAB 1997), the Board found that SI and Debtor had made "fraudulent" statements under oath in order to backdate pleadings filed with the Board.
- 8. In Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett, No. 04 C 3049 (N.D. Ill) (Coar, J.), the Court ruled that Defendant Central Mfg. and Debtor lacked the trademark rights they had claimed and on that basis, among others, entered judgment against them. It further observed that "Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation" and recited the findings by "several courts in this district" that Debtor and Defendant Central Mfg. are "engage[d] in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose extracting a settlement amount." The Court ordered them to pay an award of attorneys' fees based on findings that "Leo Stoller and his companies present paradigmatic examples of litigants in the business of bringing oppressive litigation designed to extract settlement" and that they had offered "questionable, and seemingly fantastical documents" and "inconsistent, uncorroborated, or arguably false testimony." As a further part of that decision, the Court reviewed and summarized the terms of the "settlement agreements" that Debtor and Defendant Central Mfg. alleged evidence their trademark rights and found that they, in fact, confirmed such Defendants had "engage[d] in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose of extracting a settlement amount. The judicial system is not to be used as an aid in such deliberate, malicious, and fraudulent conduct."
- 9. In *Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc.*, No. 05 C 725 (N.D. Ill) (Lindberg, J.), the Court entered judgment against Defendant Central Mfg. as a sanction for Defendant Central Mfg.'s and Debtor's abuse of the legal process. In doing so, the Court found that Debtor "has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation." In the case before it, the Court found that Debtor, Defendant Central Mfg. Co. and their counsel had engaged in "gross misconduct" and "unethical conduct" which included Debtor's signing of pleadings with counsel's name even though Debtor is not a lawyer; had brought motions "that lacked any evidentiary support" and were otherwise "baseless"; and had evinced "flagrant contempt for this Court" and "an appalling lack of regard" for the judicial process. In particular, the Court ruled that "Central Mfg. Co., through Mr. Stoller," and their counsel violated Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 11(b) "by maintaining that Central Mfg. Co. was a Delaware corporation," even though it was not. As it explained:

Contrary to the statements in Central Mfg. Co.'s initial and amended complaints, it is not an independent legal entity and is not incorporated under the laws of Delaware. Central Mfg. Co. filed an amended complaint with this Court on May 26, 2005 stating that it was a Delaware corporation, while almost simultaneously filing a motion before Judge Hart stating that Central Mfg. Co. was a d/b/a for Central Mfg. Inc. See Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. v. Stoller, et al., 05 C 2052. Plaintiff, through Mr. Stoller, filed this case under a false name. Since the inception of this case, and unquestionably prior to filing the amended complaint, Mr. Stoller knew that he had not incorporated Central Mfg. Co. However, Mr. Stoller likely attempted to conceal this fact from the Court because the trademark registrations that are the basis for the infringement claims, state that Central Mfg. Co., not Central Mfg. Inc., owns sole title to the disputed marks. The conduct of Central Mfg. Co., through Mr. Stoller, is akin to the conduct in *Dotson*. 321 F.3d 663. In *Dotson*, the Seventh Circuit upheld dismissal of a plaintiff's case with prejudice as a sanction for filing suit under a false name. *Id.* at 668. Accordingly, Central Mfg. Co. and Mr. Stoller deserve the same sanction for filing suit on [be]half of a false corporation.

After this decision, Judge Lindberg entered a final judgment against Defendant Central Mfg., Defendant Stealth and Debtor that (1) deemed them to be "vexatious litigants" and thus barred them "from instituting any lawsuit or trademark opposition without prior leave of this Court pursuant to this Court's authority under the All Writs Act"; and (2) awarded Pure Fishing more than \$900,000 in attorney's fees and damages. On February 12, 2007, the Seventh Circuit dismissed Debtor's appeal from that judgment.

- 10. In *Central Mfg. Co. v. Medtronic Sofamor Danek Inc.*, Opposition Nos. 9115485 and 91154617 (TTAB Feb. 19, 2004), the Board imposed Rule 11 sanctions against Defendant Central Mfg. for filing motions that were "without merit, constitute harassment, and can only be assumed to have been brought for purposes of delay."
- 11. In *Central Mfg. Inc. v. Third Millenium Tech. Inc.*, 61 U.S.P.Q. 1210, 1214-15 (TTAB 2001), the Board found that Debtor and Defendant Central Mfg. had "engaged in a pattern" of submitting papers that were based on "false statements and material misrepresentations." It ruled, in particular, that Debtor and Defendant Central Mfg. had filed requests for extensions of time on the basis of non-existent settlement negotiations and had "acted in bad faith and for improper purposes, i.e., to obtain additional time to harass the applicant, to obtain unwarranted extension of the opposition period, and to waste resources of applicant and the Board."

12. On March 3, 2007, based on its findings that Debtor's filings in this District "have generally proven so frivolous and wasteful of court resources," the Executive Committee of the Northern District of Illinois has declared Debtor to be a vexatious litigant and barred him from new filings in this Court without prior permission. *In re: Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 01435 (N.D. Ill.), Order of March 8, 2007. The terms of the Order specifically stated that Debtor was "enjoined from filing any new civil action or proceeding in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois without first obtaining leave" from the Executive Committee in accordance with a specified procedure set forth in the Order. *Id*.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jonathan M. Cyrluk, certify that I caused copies of the forgoing Motion for Entry of Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment to be served on all counsel via the Court's CM/ECF online filing system and on:

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/s/ Jonathan M. Cyrluk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

GOOGLE INC.,) Civil Action No. 07 CV 385
Plaintiff,) Hon. Virginia M. Kendall
VS.	ý
CENTRAL MFG. INC. a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO., a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO. (INC.), a/k/a CENTRAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. and a/k/a CENTRAL MFG. CO. OF ILLINOIS; and STEALTH INDUSTRIES, INC. a/k/a RENTAMARK and a/k/a RENTAMARK.COM,)))))
Defendants.	<u> </u>

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL T. ZELLER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ENTRY OF STIPULATED PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT

I, Michael T. Zeller, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the bar of the State of Illinois, New York and California and a partner of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP, attorneys for plaintiff Google Inc. ("Google"). I make this declaration of personal, firsthand knowledge, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of Leo Stoller's ("Stoller") Petition for Bankruptcy under Chapter 13, dated December 20, 2005.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the Bankruptcy Court's Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Of Law On Motion Of Pure Fishing To Convert To Chapter 7, dated September 26, 2006, in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).

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- 4. Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the Order Converting Chapter 13 Case to a Case Under Chapter 7, nunc pro tunc August 31, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding In re Leo Stoller, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 5. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of the Order Authorizing The Trustee To Act On Behalf Of Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations And Related Relief, entered on October 5, 2006 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions 6. of Law, and Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets, entered on August 8, 2007 by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Bankruptcy Court") in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 7. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of the Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets, entered on August 8, 2007 by the Bankruptcy Court in the bankruptcy proceeding In re Leo Stoller, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. Ill.).
- 8. Attached as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the Assignment of all of the stock and assets in the corporate entity defendants Central Mfg. Inc. and Stealth Industries, Inc., to The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (the "SPTA") in the bankruptcy proceeding In re Leo Stoller, Case No. 5 B 64075 (N.D. III.).
- 9. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of an email from Lance G. Johnson of the SPTA to Stoller, dated August 20, 2007.
- 10. Attached as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of Stoller's Notice of Appeal, filed on August 10, 2007 in the bankruptcy proceeding *In re Leo Stoller*, Case No. 05 B 64075 (N.D. III.).
- 11. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the October 1, 2007 minute entry in In re: In re: Leo Stoller, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), the Honorable William J. Hibbler presiding, dismissing Stoller's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets.

12. Attached as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of the April 24, 2009 Order in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), denying Stoller's motion to reinstate the appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's August 8, 2007 Order Approving Sale of Debtor's Assets.

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- 13. Attached as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of the May 8, 2009 Order in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.), denying Stoller's motion to appeal *in forma pauperis*.
- 14. Attached as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of Stoller's Notice of Filing and Notice of Appeal, filed on May 22, 2009 in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.).
- 15. Attached as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of the Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice, dated May 28, 2009 and filed in *In re: In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.). A search conducted on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal's PACER website resulted in no matches for the appeal number 09-2385, listed in the May 28, 2009 Circuit Rule 3(b) Notice.
- 16. Attached as Exhibit 15 is a true and correct copy of the Docket, as of September 29, 2009, for *In re: Leo Stoller*, Case No. 07 CV 04692 (N.D. Ill.).
- 17. Attached as Exhibit 16 is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the deposition of Leo D. Stoller, taken on November 2, 2005 in the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("TTAB") proceeding Opposition No. 91125818.
- 18. Attached as Exhibit 17 is a true and correct copy the September 30, 2005 Memorandum Opinion and Order in *Central Mfg. Co. et. al. v. Brett et. al.*, Case No. 04 C 3049 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the Honorable David H. Coar presiding.
- 19. Attached as Exhibit 18 is a true and correct copy of the Order and Statement dated November 16, 2005 issued by this Court, the Honorable George W. Lindberg presiding, in *Central Mfg. Co., et al. v. Pure Fishing Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05 C 00725.
- 20. Attached as Exhibit 19 is a true and correct copy of the October 4, 2006 Final Judgment in Central Mfg. Co., et al. v. Pure Fishing Inc., et al., No. 05 C 00725.

- Attached as Exhibit 20 are true and correct copies of (1) the July 30, 2006 Order by 21. the TTAB dismissing Defendant Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)'s Opposition Proceeding against Google, and (2) the TTAB Order attached thereto, dated July 14, 2006, finding that Defendant Central Mfg.'s assertions of rights to the GOOGLE mark were "baseless" and done for the improper purposes of coercing monetary payment for trademarks to which it demonstrated no proprietary right.
- 22. Attached as Exhibit 21 is a true and correct copy of Defendant Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)'s Notice of Opposition to Google Inc.'s application to register the GOOGLE mark for certain goods, without exhibits, dated March 1, 2006 and filed before the TTAB.
- 23. Attached as Exhibit 22 is a true and correct copy of Defendant Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)'s Petition for Cancellation of Google Inc.'s registration of the GOOGLE mark for certain goods and services, without exhibits, dated April 18, 2006 and filed before the TTAB (hereinafter, the "Cancellation Proceeding").
- 24. Attached as Exhibit 23 is a true and correct copy of the June 26, 2008 Order in the TTAB Cancellation Proceeding No. 92045778.
- 25. Attached as Exhibit 24 is a true and correct copy of the profile of Central Mfg. Inc. on the Delaware Secretary of State website, as of September 2, 2009.
- 26. Attached as Exhibit 25 is a true and correct copy of the profile of Stealth Industries, Inc. on the Delaware Secretary of State website, as of September 2, 2009.

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27. Attached as Exhibit 26 is a true and correct copy of the May 15, 2006 declaration of Leo Stoller, submitted with Defendant Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)'s May 15, 2006 Motion for Summary Judgment, filed before the TTAB in connection with Defendant Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)'s Petition for Cancellation of Google Inc.'s registration of the GOOGLE mark for certain goods and services.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 30, 2009, at Los Angeles, California.

Michael T. Zeller

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jonathan M. Cyrluk, certify that I caused copies of the forgoing Declaration of Michael T. Zeller in Support of Motion for Entry of Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment to be served on all counsel via the Court's CM/ECF online filing system and on:

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Case 05-64075 Doc 1 Filed 12/20/05 Entered 12/20/05 15:45:06 Desc Main Document Page 2 of 6 (Official Form 1) (10/05) FORM B1, Page 2 Voluntary Petition Name of Debtor(s): Stoller, Leo (This page must be completed and filed in every case) Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet) Location Case Number: Date Filed: Where Filed: - None -Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet) Name of Debtor: Case Number: Date Filed: - None -District: Relationship: Judge: Exhibit A Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by §342(b) of ☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition. the Bankruptcy Code. X /s/ Melvin J. Kaplan, Bennett A. Kabec Rado Kapla 2005 Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Melvin J. Kaplan, Bennett A. Kahn, Rae Kaplan Exhibit C Certification Concerning Debt Counseling by Individual/Joint Debtor(s) Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public I/we have received approved budget and credit counseling during health or safety? the 180-day period preceding the filing of this petition. Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. ☐ I/we request a waiver of the requirement to obtain budget and credit counseling prior to filing based on exigent circumstances. ■ No (Must attach certification describing.) Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes) Venue (Check any applicable box) Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District. Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property Check all applicable boxes. Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.) (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) (Address of landlord) Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case. You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days before the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$220 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total Fee \$274)

- 1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.
- 2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.
- 3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptey Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptey petition will be defeated.
- 4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

<u>Chapter 13</u>: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$150 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$189)

- 1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.
- 3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

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Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

Certificate of Attorney

I hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Melvin J. Kaplan, Bennett A. Kahn, Rae Kaplan Printed Name of Attorney Address:	Isl Melvin J. Kaplan, Bennett A. X Kahn, Rae Kaplan Signature of Attorney	December 20, 2005 Date
14 E. Jackson Blvd. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60604 (312)294-8989		
Certifica I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and	te of Debtor d read this notice.	
Leo Stoller	37 /p/1 pp Ct-11	
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)	X Isl Leo Stoller Signature of Debtor	December 20, 2005 Date
Case No. (if known)	X	
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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

) Case No. 05 B 64075
) Chapter 13
) Honorable Jack В. Schmetterer))

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ON MOTION OF PURE FISHING TO CONVERT TO CHAPTER 7

INTRODUCTION

This case was filed voluntarily under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code by Leo Stoller ("Debtor" or "Stoller"). A creditor Pure Fishing, Inc. ("Pure Fishing" or "Movant") moved to convert this case to one under Chapter 7. This became a contested proceeding under Rule 9014 Fed.R.Bank.P. Following evidence hearing before the court, both sides rested and final argument of counsel was heard on August 31, 2006.

Following argument, decision was announced from the bench that the case would be converted to one under Chapter 7. It was then stated that written Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law would be entered to explain that decision in detail, but there were two reasons stated on the record each of which warranted conversion. First, the Debtor who was actively engaged in business for many years lacked business books and records from which his financial condition and income could be ascertained so as to determine whether his Chapter 13 Plan for payments to the Chapter 13 Trustee was proposed in good faith. Second, Debtor deeded title in valuable real estate to a family member shortly before filing in bankruptcy and did so without apparent consideration. The circumstances of that property transfer raised serious questions as to whether it should or could be attacked as a fraud on creditors or otherwise, an issue that should be investigated by a Chapter 7 Trustee.

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An order converting this case to Chapter 7 was entered September 1, 2006, effective nunc pro tune August 31, 2006, when decision was announced. The Court now makes and orders entry of these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as further and more complete reasons for the order of conversion.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice of Appeal for the Order was filed on September 11, 2060. While a trial court judge cannot enter substantive orders after filing of appeal notice, under circumstances where Findings and Conclusions are in preparation when Notice of Appeal is filed, the Appeal does not prevent the filing of Findings and Conclusions so as to aid the reviewing court in understanding detailed reasons for the ruling. See Reinstine v. Rosenfield, et al., 111 F.2d 892, 894 (7th Cir. 1940); Aoude v. Mobile Oil Corp., 862 F.2d 890, 895 (1st Cir. 1988); Evans v. Lockheed-Georgia Co., No. C82-657A, 1983 WL 562, at *2 (N.D. Ga. July 27, 1983). Courts have recognized that entry of Findings and Conclusions to support an order or judgment is permissible even after Notice of Appeal has been filed because that will expedite rather than interfere with the appellate process. In re Continental Airlines Corp., 60 B.R. 466, 470 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 1986) (citing Gibbs v. Buck, 307 U.S. 66, 59 S.Ct. 725, 83 L.Ed. 1111 (1939) and Johnson v. Heyd, 415 F.2d 1005 (5th Cir. 1969)).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

On December 20, 2005, Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Petition").

Jurisdiction of this matter lies under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(a) and (b) and 157(a).

The Motion to Convert is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(G).

Venue of this case and of the Motion to Convert is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Pure Fishing is an Iowa corporation with its primary place of business at 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Pure Fishing is a counterclaim plaintiff in the pending case captioned Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., Case No. 05 C 7255 (N.D. III.).
- 2. Debtor is an individual, a resident of the state of Illinois, and a counterclaim defendant in the Pure Fishing case along with various of his corporate entities and proprietorships. On his bankruptcy Schedules he stated as his home address a United States Post Office not a postal box number, just the post office. A Court's notice to Debtor was returned as undeliverable.
- 3. When Debtor filed his Chapter 13 Petition, he failed to disclose that he filed for bankruptcy on March 23, 1998, in the Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 98-03288. Debtor subsequently filed an amendment to disclose that bankruptcy. (Stip. No. 37.) Debtor also did not disclose that he filed for chapter 13 relief on March 1, 1985 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. (See PACER Docket, Case No. 85-02729).
- 4. Debtor represents that he "has been in the business of litigation since 1968, every day to the current date" (Ex. 7 at pp. 9-10) and that he "is the nation's most renowned Intellectual Property Entrepreneur with over 30 years in the fields of trademarks, licensing and enforcement, expert witness testimony, trademark valuation expert and legal ethics expert." (Ex. 8 at p. 1.) He advertises services that include trademark valuations, legal research, brief writing, and appeals. (Ex. 8 at p. 2.)
 - 5. Debtor is not a lawyer. (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 12; Ex. 77.)
- 6. Debtor has represented that the stated monthly income in his Petition is based on "Royalty income received by corporations owned by Debtor and passed through to him." (Resp. to Interrog. No. 10; Ex. 76.)

Pages numbers referenced for an exhibit generally refer to the pagination added at the bottom of each page for an exhibit that did not already bear a page number. Page numbers for deposition transcripts refer to the deposition page by the designation "Ex. XX at Dcp. p. YY."

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- 7. Debtor has admitted that he does not receive W-2 tax and wage statements from regular employment. (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 68; Ex. 77.)
- 8. Debtor has admitted that he has not filed a tax return for 2005, nor any quarterly estimated payments for that year, and has no documents related to his 2005 taxes, such as a K-1 statement. (Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 5, Ex. 78.)
- 9. For his business described herein, Debtor did not maintain books, ledgers of account, or records of his income and expenses in any coherent form and had nothing from which creditors or the Trustee might readily be able to ascertain his financial condition.

I. Debtor Has Failed To Disclose Material Assets And Asset Transfers In His Bankruptcy Schedules

A. Debtor Failed to Disclose Asset Transfers of Interest in 1212 N. Lathrop Land Trust

- 10. Debtor received an interest in Land Trust No. 03-1-8199 (Midwest Bank and Trust Company) (the "Land Trust") for real property located at 1212 North Lathrop, River Forest, Illinois (PIN 15-01-113-041-0000) (the "Property") upon the death of Bertha Stoller on March 14, 2005. (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 55; Ex. 77; Stip., No. 5.)
- 11. In March 2005, the Debtor's beneficial interest in the Land Trust was worth at least about \$340,000. (Stip. No. 6.)
- 12. On March 15, 2005, Debtor assigned his beneficial interest in the Land Trust to his daughter, Julia Bishop, but retained a right of reversion and direction. (Stip. No. 7; Ex. 3 at p. 2.)
- 13. Debtor failed to disclose the Land Trust as a property that he holds or controls. (Ex. 1 at p. 11, Question 14.)
- 14. In Debtor's Statement of Financial Affairs, Question No. 10 ("Other Transfers") asked for a list of all other property, other than in the ordinary course of the business or financial affairs of the debtor, that was transferred either absolutely or as security within two years

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preceding the commencement of this case. Debtor's answer to this question was "none." (Ex. 1 at p. 11.)

- 15. The assignment by Debtor of an interest in the Land Trust on March 15, 2005 was for no consideration. (Stip. No. 8; Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 57.)
- 16. Debtor executed a document on April 5, 2005, directing the execution of a mortgage for \$30,000 on Land Trust No. 03-1-8199 for the land trust at 1212 N. Lathrop, River Forest, IL (PIN 15-01-113-041-0000). (Stip. No. 17; Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 58; Ex. 3 at p. 19.)
- 17. Debtor directed the execution of another mortgage for \$99,000 for the Land Trust in documents dated within one year before Petition Date. (Stip. No. 18; Ex. 3 at p. 35.)
- 18. In both instances, checks for the proceeds of the mortgages were made out to "Leo Stoller," acknowledged as received shortly before filing the Petition, and deposited by Debtor into the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account where, it became commingled with other funds deposited therein. (Ex. 3 at pp. 35, 324, and 377.)
- 19. Receipt of the mortgage proceeds and his payments on the mortgage debt were not disclosed in Debtor's Schedules. (Ex. 1.)
 - B. Debtor did not disclose rental income derived from the house at 1212 North Lathrop, River Forest, Illinois in his bankruptcy Schedules when he had an obligation to do so
- 20. Debtor has been leasing to Shelye Pechulis the house at 1212 North Lathrop, River Forest, Illinois (PIN 15-01-113-041-0000) since about June 2005 for \$2250 per month. (Stip. No. 21.)
- 21. The rent checks issued by Ms. Pechulis were made out to Sentra Industries and deposited in the Sentra Industries, Inc. checking account. (Ex. 5 at pp. 8, 11, 14 and 367.)

 Following those deposits, checks were drawn on the Sentra Industries, Inc. checking account for deposit into the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. checking account (Ex. 5 at pp. 8-10, 14-

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- 15, 282 and 291) as well as checks for "cash" and payments to the law firm of Grund & Leavitt for legal fees associated with Debtor's divorce proceedings. (Ex. 5 at 9, 10, 14, and 15.)
- 22. Debtor had an obligation to disclose, but did not disclose, the rental income in his bankruptcy Schedules. (Stip. No. 23; See also Ex. 1 at p.7., Question 2 ("Income other than from employment or operation of a business"); and Ex. 1 at p. 27, Schedule G.)
 - C. Debtor receives income from the operation of a number of companies but failed to disclose said income in his bankruptcy Schedules and failed to disclose his interests in said companies
- 23. Debtor receives income from the operation of a number of proprietorships, unincorporated associations, and incorporated entities. (Stip. No. 24.)
- 24. Debtor had an obligation to disclose, but did not disclose, his interests in the unincorporated associations, proprietorships, and incorporated entities. (Stip. No. 25.)
- 25. Checks made out to the unincorporated associations have been deposited to the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. account. (Stip. No. 26; Ex. 6.)
 - D. Income From Debtor's Proprietorships Were Required To Be Disclosed In The Bankruptcy Schedules
- 26. Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. conducts business as "Rentamark." (Ex. 76, Answer to Interrog. No. 1.)
- 27. Debtor admits that Rentamark is a proprietorship. (Ex. 77, Answer to Req. for Admis. No. 16.)
- 28. "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." is a name that debtor uses to conduct his personal business. (Stip. No. 13.)
- 29. Debtor has admitted that the only records for his business entities are notations on check stubs for his commercial checkbook. (Stip. No. 64.)
- 30. Debtor has represented in Response to Interrogatory No. 9 (Ex. 76), that the following entities are assumed names for Central Manufacturing Company, Inc.:

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The American Association of Premium Incentive, Travel Suppliers & Agents

The National Veterinarian Service Association

The American Recreational Tennis Association

The American Recreational Golf Association

The National Association of Traveling Nurses

The American Sports Association

The U.S. Hardware Industry Association

The National Physician's Association

The National Secretarial Association

The National Optometry Association

The National Accounting Association

Americans for the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights

The American Society of Podiatrists & Chiropractors

Medical Associations

The National Association of Dentistry

The National Association of Alternative Medicine

Debtor testified that he used these names as internet sites to attract business inquiry for his services in obtaining information for a fcc. He did not keep records of income from these sources.

E. Central Manufacturing Company, Inc.

- 31. Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. is not a corporate entity formed under the laws of Illinois or Delaware, or registered with the State of Illinois as a foreign corporation under that name. (Stip. No. 13.)
- 32. Instead, Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. is a proprietorship that the Debtor uses for personal business. (Stip. No. 14.)
- 33. Debtor has sole signatory authority for bank accounts in the name of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." (Stip. No. 15.)
- 34. First Security Bank savings account No. 104232 opened on Feb 4, 2005 is in the name of Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. d/b/a Rentamark c/o Leo Stoller. (Ex. 5 at p. 1.)
- 35. The alleged FEIN associated with this account was represented by Dobtor to be No. 36-0637000. (Ex. 5 at p. 1.) Debtor has provided no proof that there is a legitimate FEIN that has been assigned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. as a Delaware or Illinois corporation associated with Debtor.

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- 36. "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." maintains checking Account No. 00-60645-0 at First Security Trust & Savings Bank, Elmwood, Park, Illinois. The account is in the name of Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. d/b/a Rentamark c/o Leo Stoller. (Ex. 5 at p. 17.)
- 37. Debtor deposited checks made out to a variety of other assumed named proprietorships and corporations into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account, thereby commingling them. (Ex. 6 ¶ 3.a.)
- 38. Debtor withdraws substantial sums of cash from the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account. (Ex. 5 at p. 49.)
- 39. Debtor did not have a personal bank account until weeks before filing the Petition, when he opened an account in his name with Bank of America. (Ex. 79.)
- 40. Debtor has not listed any bank account that was in his name for the last three years. (Ex. 76 Resp. to Interrog. 2.)
- 41. Funds deposited into in the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account were and are Debtor's personal property. (Stip. No. 16.)
- 42. During 2004, Debtor withdrew over \$37,000 in cash from the account in the name of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." (Ex. 6, ¶ 3.e.)
- 43. During 2005, Debtor withdrew over \$44,800 in cash from the account in the name of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." (Ex. 6, ¶ 3.f.)
- 44. Debtor causes checks to be drafted from the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. checking account to First Security Bank and Trust to pay off the mortgage loans secured by the 1212 N. Lathrop property. (Ex. 5 at p. 95.)
- 45. Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. is not a signatory on the Notes (Ex. 3 at pp. 32 and 49) and has no property interest in 1212 N. Lathrop or the land trust associated therewith. (Ex. 3 at p. 2).

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F. Sentra Industries, Inc.

- 46. Debtor is the CEO, President, and sole shareholder of the corporation Sentra Industries, Inc. ("Sentra"). (Stip. No. 9.)
- 47. Sentra maintains checking Account No. 607-187, at First Security Trust and Savings Bank, Elmwood, Park, Illinois (the "Sentra Account"). (Stip. No. 10; Ex. 5 at p. 5.)
- 48. Debtor has sole signatory authority for the Sentra Account. (Stip. No. 11; Ex. 5 at p. 5.)
- 49. Debtor uses the Sentra Account as a vehicle to transfer funds, such as rent checks for the 1212 N. Lathrop property (Ex. 5 at pp. 14 and 367), to cash (Ex. 5 at p. 15 Check No. 1009), to his divorce attorneys (Ex. 5 at p. 15 Check No. 1008), and into his proprietorship (Ex. 5 at p. 15 Check No. 1011).
- 50. Funds are moved between the Sentra Account and an account to Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. without apparent pattern or regular practice. (Ex. 5 at pp. 9, 15.)
- 51. During the period of June 18, 2005 through August 31, 2005 Debtor withdrew approximately \$2,300 in cash and transferred \$4,000 to the account of Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Ex. 5 at pp. 9, 10, 15 and 291.)
- 52. Quarterly checks from Ms. Shelye Pechulis for rent associated with the 1212 N. Lathrop property are deposited into the Sentra Industries, Inc. checking account, where the funds become commingled with other funds found therein. (Ex. 5 at pp. 11, 16.)
- 53. Debtor withdraws substantial sums of cash from the Sentra Industries, Inc. account. (Ex. 5 at pp. 9-10, 15.)
- 54. Debtor admitted that he allocated revenue from his trademark operation between the Rentamark entity and S Industries, Inc., based solely on the tax considerations associated with the allocation. (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 17; Ex. 77.)

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G. Central Mfg. Co.

- 55. "Central Mfg. Co." ("CMC") is an unregistered company name assumed for the Debtor. Its business operates out of an office located on 7622 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Central Mfg. Co. is not a corporation that has been organized under the laws of any state. (Stip. No. 39, 41.)
- 56. Central Mfg. Co. is a d/b/a name used for Debtor's personal business activities. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 2; Ex. 35, 41, 42, 53.)
- 57. Illinois also does not recognize Central Mfg. Co. as an assumed business name for any corporation associated with Debtor. (Ex. 43.)
- 58. There is no Stoller company or entity that is authorized to do business under the name of "Central Mfg. Co.," only an entity under the different name of "Central Mfg. Co. of Illinois." (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 5; Ex. 46.)
 - 59. Debtor has not disclosed income from Central Mfg. Co. in his Schedules. (Ex. 1.)
- 60. Debtor has acknowledged that funds in an account under the name of "Central MFG" are his personal assets. This acknowledgment was made in the disclosures provided by the Debtor in connection with his divorce proceeding (Reich v. Stoller, No. 05 D 007216 (Cook County, Ill.)). (Ex. 17 at p. 5.)
- 61. Debtor signed responses to interrogatories in Central Mfg. Co. v. HEPA Corporation, Opp. No. 91152243 representing that Central Mfg. Co. had yearly annual sales under the STEALTH brand in 2003 and 2004 of \$1,347,691 and \$1,587,453, respectively with advertising expenses for those years of \$87,701.80 and "\$97,348,997" [sic]. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 50.)
- 62. Debtor deposits checks made out to Central Mfg. Co. into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account, where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at p. 41; Ex. 6.)

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H. Central Mfg. Inc.

- 63. Central Mfg. Inc. is registered in Delawarc as a corporate entity. Debtor is its president and sole officer. Like his other entities, Central Mfg. Inc. shares the same office address as Central Mfg. Co., Inc. (Stip. No. 40; Ex. 13 at Dep. p. 157.)
- 64. Central Mfg. Inc. became registered with Illinois as a foreign corporation in 2005 with only the assumed name of "Central Mfg. Co. of Illinois." (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 5; Ex. 46.)
- 65. Debtor admits that he has not filed a tax return for Central Mfg. Inc. since at least 2003. (Resp. to Doc. Req. 6, Ex. 78.)
- 66. Debtor deposits checks made out to Central Mfg. Inc. into the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. checking account, where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at p. 86.)

I. Rentamark

- 67. Debtor publishes a weblog at http://rentmark.blogspot.com where he offers his services to others and publishes various articles. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 14, 19; Ex. 7.)
- 68. On May 30, 2006 Debtor held himself out on his weblog to be "the nation's most renowned Intellectual Property Entrepreneur with over 30 years in the field of trademarks, licensing and enforcement, expert witness testimony, trademark valuation Expert and legal ethics expert." (Ex. 7 at p. 1.)
- 69. Also on May 30, 2006 Debtor was representing that "Rentamark is in the business of buying, selling and licensing trademarks, trademark valuations, expert witness testimony, trademark litigation support services, including legal research, drafting pleadings, appeals etc." (Ex. 7 at p. 2.)
- 70. Debtor has admitted that he uses the Rentamark (also spelled Rent-A-Mark) entity as a proprietorship for his personal activities. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 16; Ex. 26 at Dep. pp. 129 and 160; Ex. 38 at Dep. pp. 30-31; Ex. 40.)

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- 71. Debtor has also testified that he uses the Rentamark name as an assumed name for Central Mfg. Inc. (Ex. 39 at Dep. pp. 60-61.)
- 72. Debtor has also responded in his sworn response to Interrogatory No. 1 (Ex. 76) that Rentamark is an assumed name for Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Resp. to Interrog. No. 1; Ex. 76.)
- 73. Debtor deposits checks made out to "Rentamark.com" and "Rent-A-Mark" into the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. checking account where it becomes commingled with other funds. (Ex. 5 at pp. 39, 42, 119, 156-58; Ex. 6.)

J. U.S. Hardware Industry Association

- 74. Debtor receives checks from Freightquotc.com, Inc. from time to time which are made payable to the order of "U.S. Hardware Industry Assn." (Ex. 5 at p. 87.)
- 75. These checks are deposited into the checking account of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." and commingled with funds from other sources found therein. (Ex. 5 at p. 87.)
- 76. Debtor did not produce records from which it can be determined whether he reported in his bankruptcy Schedules the income from U.S. Hardware Industry Assn, which is an unregistered and unincorporated entity.

K. National Association of Traveling Nurses

- 77. Debtor receives checks from time to time which are made payable to "Natl Assn of Traveling Nurses." These checks are deposited into the checking account of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." and commingled with the funds from other sources found therein. (Ex. 5 at pp. 24, 136, 161; Ex. 6.)
- 78. Debtor did not produce records from which it can be determined whether he reported the said income in his Schedules.

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L. American Sports Association

- 79. Debtor receives checks from an entity known as Freightquote.com, Inc. from time to time, which are made payable to "American Sports Assn." These checks are deposited into the checking account of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." and commingled with the funds from other sources found therein. (Ex. 5 pp. 87, 161; Ex. 6.)
- 80. Debtor did not maintain records from which it can be determined whether he reported this income in his Schedules.
- 81. No person other than Debtor is involved in running "American Sports Association." (Ex. 13 at Dep. p. 325.)

M. Other Entities

- 82. Debtor receives checks from time to time made payable to "Havoc Brand Products and Services." These checks are deposited into the checking account of "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." and commingled with the funds from other sources found deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at pp. 52, 148; Ex. 6.)
- 83. Debtor receives checks made payable to "Stealth Brand Products and Services" and deposits them into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at pp. 43, 148; Ex. 6.)
- 84. Debtor deposits checks made payable to "Stealth" and deposits them into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at pp. 93, 137, 145; Ex. 6.)
- 85. Debtor deposits checks made payable to "American Society of Podiatrists" and deposits them into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at p. 98; Ex. 6.)

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- 86. Debtor has also sent letters to others representing himself to be the President of "Stealth" (Ex. 27), doing business as the proprietorship "Air Frame" (Ex. 28), and doing business as the proprietorship "Aerospace" (Ex. 30).
- 87. Debtor has filed pleadings that identify Sentra Sporting USA Co. as his proprietorship. (Ex. 37)
- 88. Debtor has acknowledged that he founded organizations called "Americans for the Enforcement of Attorney Ethics" and "Americans for the Enforcement of Judicial Ethics." He uses his website for these organizations to teach others how to file disciplinary complaints against attorneys and judges. (Ex. 51 at Dep. pp. 98-99.)
- 89. Debtor refused to answer when asked if these ethics organizations were really just another name for himself. (Ex. 51 at Dep. p. 100.)
- 90. In 2003, Debtor and his proprietorships "Give a Gift Online," "American Conservation Society," and "Association Network Management" were named in a Consent Decree with the Illinois Attorney General. (Ex. 54.)
- 91. None of these proprietorships has been disclosed in Debtor's Schedules, and there are no records showing Debtor's income therefrom.

II. Debtor And His Businesses Are Indistinguishable

- 92. Debtor makes all pertinent decisions for the assumed name entities through which he operates. (Ex. 13 at pp. 6-7.)
- 93. Debtor testified that he is "the actual controlling entity of where the marks go, quality and control, what entity they what I choose to put them in." (Ex. 13 at Dep. pp. 23-24.)
- 94. All of the business entities owned and operated by Debtor have the same office address. (Ex. 13 at Dep. p. 157.)
- 95. Debtor's corporations do not keep regular corporate books and records of finances. (Ex. 13 at Dep. pp. 163-64, 172-73, 176; Stip. Nos. 63-65, 67; Ex. 78 Resp. to Req. 11.)

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- 96. Funds of Debtor's corporations are commingled with funds from other corporations, proprictorships, and with Debtor's personal funds. (Ex. 6; Stip. Nos. 14 and 16.)
- 97. Debtor's corporations have not filed tax returns since at least 2003. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Req. No. 6.)
- 98. Debtor's corporations have not issued W-2 statements. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Req. No. 10; Ex. 16 at p. 2.) Debtor has, however, testified that he has three "employees". (Ex. 13 at pp. 13-14.)
- 99. Debtor has also testified (at his 341 Meeting) that he uses three "independent contractors" in his office, but represents that there are no documents that reflect any payment of money, funds, or other valuable asset to these individuals. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 10.)
- 100. Debtor produced no records that his corporations pay, or have paid, dividends. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Req. No. 10.)
- 101. Debtor described his corporations as having a negative value. (Ex. 16 at pp. 2 and 4.)
- 102. All stock issued by Debtor's corporations, 1000 shares at issue value of \$1.00 each, are owned by Debtor. (Ex. 1 at p. 17.)
- 103. Debtor's corporations have no officers other than Debtor. (Stip. No. 40; Ex. 1 at p. 17.)
- 104. Debtor refers to the assets of his companies and corporations as his personal assets. (Ex. 13 at Dep. pp. 328-29.)
- 105. Debtor directs licensing revenue between his corporations and his proprietorships based on tax considerations. (Ex. 26 at Dep p. 130-31; Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis.17.)
- 106. Debtor deposits checks made out to "Leo D. Stoller" into the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account where the funds become commingled with funds from other sources deposited therein. (Ex. 5 at p. 99, 161, 174.)

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- 107. Debtor uses the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account as a common account for his personal, proprietorship, and corporate funds where all funds are commingled without associated financial books or records to distinguish funds among the entities. (Ex. 6; Stip. Nos. 63-64.)
- 108. None of the checks deposited to the "Central Manufacturing Company, Inc." checking account no. 606-450 are made out to the named account holder. The list of payees for checks deposited to this account include about 20 different persons and entities. (Ex. 6.)

III. Debtor's Schedules Are Replete With Omissions and Misleading Disclosures

A. Undisclosed Interests in Other Real Estate

- 109. In 2005, Debtor has asserted some ownership interests in three residences located in Elmwood Park, Illinois in connection with the divorce proceeding Reich v. Stoller, No. 05 D 007216 (Cook County, Ill.). (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 61; Ex. 77.)
- 110. Debtor has not disclosed ownership interests in any of these properties in his Schedules. (Ex. 1)

B. Inaccurate Balance in His Personal Bank Account

- 111. Debtor's Bank of America accounts were opened shortly before filing of his Bankruptcy Petition. (Ex. 79 at p. 7.)
- 112. In response to Interrogatory No. 2, Debtor did not identify any other bank account in his name, whether closed or open. He identified only accounts in the names of Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. and Sentra Industries, Inc. (Ex. 76 Resp. to Interrog. No. 2.)
- 113. On the date of the Petition filing, the balance in Debtor's Bank of America account was \$3,255.00, rather than \$200.00 as represented in Schedulc B. (Ex. 1 and 79 at p. 9.)
- 114. Debtor's Bank of America account has been used for business purposes, including the payment of certain fees to the State of Delaware for the benefit of Debtor's corporations.

 (Ex. 79 at p. 18.)

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C. Inconsistent and Unreliable Representations of Income

- 115. Debtor has represented his stated income in the Response to Marital Interrogatories made in connection with the divorce proceeding Reich v. Stoller, No. 05 D 007216 (Cook County, III.) to be approximately \$4,500 per year for the past three years. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 48; Ex. 16 at p. 3.)
- 116. Debtor wrote a facsimile transmission dated November 22, 2005 in which he represented that his businesses take in only about \$100,000 per year. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 51; Ex. 18.)
- 117. Debtor has represented to this Court in "Debtor's Response to Motion to Convert to Chapter 7 and for Immediate Appointment of Trustee," on page 7 thereof, that the gross income from Central Mfg. Co. is around \$200,000 per year. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 52.)
- 118. Debtor has admitted that he does not receive W-2 tax and wage statements from regular employment. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 68.)
- 119. Debtor has represented that he has not filed a tax return for 2005, no quarterly estimated payments, and has no documents related to his 2005 taxes, c.g., a K-1 statement. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 5.)
- 120. Debtor's tax return for 2001 showed an adjusted gross income of (-\$2,522) on business income of \$9,875. (Ex. 14 at pp. 2-7.)
- 121. Debtor's tax return for 2002 showed an adjusted gross income of (-\$2,844) on business income of \$12,675. (Ex. 14 at pp. 8-15.)
- 122. Debtor's tax return for 2003 showed an adjusted gross income of (-\$3,690) on business income of \$12,875. (Ex. 14 at pp. 16-23.)
- 123. Debtor's tax return for 2004 showed an adjusted gross income of (-\$4,550) on business income of \$7,600. (Ex. 14 at pp. 22-29.)

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- 124. Debtor's 2001-2004 tax returns were all filed in November or December of 2005. (Ex. 14.)
- 125. Debtor has not filed tax returns for any company, corporation, association, or proprietorship for 2003, 2004, or 2005. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 6.)
- 126. The company income and advertising expenses presented in Debtor's income tax returns for 2001-2003 do not correlate with the income and advertising expenses described by Debtor in sworn interrogatory responses. (Compare Ex. 14 with Ex. 15 at pp. 2-3 and Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 50.)

D. Undisclosed Trademark Rights and Claims for Trademark Infringement

- 127. In response to an Order by Judge Coar in Central Mfg. Co. v. George Brett. Case No. 04 C 3049 (N.D. Ill.), Debtor was required to identify to the court and certify his interests in any trademark rights. On March 22, 2006, Debtor identified ownership rights in the goodwill represented by two trademark registrations, US Trademark Registration Nos. 2107047 (MERCHANT OF VENICE for restaurant services) and 1765833 (STRADIVARIUS for stationery and pens). (Ex. 10-11.)
- 128. Debtor did not disclose in his bankruptcy Schedules his ownership of these two registrations, the business goodwill underlying each, or the business assets associated with each. (Ex. 1.)
- 129. Debtor has previously testified that he "holds rights to the mark STEALTH." (Ex. 13 at p. 5.) However, no such rights were identified in Debtor's Schedules. (Ex. 1.)
- 130. Debtor is a named party in more than one current trademark opposition proceeding or appeal in which he alleges a personal interest in one or more valuable trademark rights, yet none of these pending proceedings were identified in the Petition or Schedules. (Ex. 58.)
- 131. In a letter dated November 29, 2005, Debtor asserted that he has done business under the name GOOGLE since 1981, with an aggressive licensing program. Debtor has levied

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allegations against Google, Inc. that suggest a potential claim of trademark infringement against this well known search engine company. Debtor has offered to settle the matter for \$150,000. (Ex. 23.) His potential claim under the name of that entity was not disclosed in his Schedules. (Ex. 1.)

- 132. In a letter dated September 8, 2005, Debtor provided an entity called Loveland Products with a second notice accusing that company of infringement of an undesignated trademark right for STEALTH. Debtor executed the document as "President." The letterhead identifies an entity called STEALTH. (Ex. 27.) Debtor ultimately filed, and still has pending, an opposition against Loveland Products. (Ex. 59.) Debtor did not disclose any of the information contained herein in his Schedules. (Ex. 1.)
- 133. Debtor prevailed in a trademark opposition against York International Corporation (Opp. No. 121,420), for use of the mark STEALTH on air conditioners. Debtor asserted, and prevailed, on assertions and submitted proofs of rights in use of that trademark on sales of "fans, air coolers and air conditioners." (Ex. 34, 64.) Debtor has not listed any income nor profits from sales of fans, air coolers, or air conditioners in his Schedules. (Ex. 1.)
- 134. Debtor submitted an assignment document as an attachment to a pleading in which he asserted that the assignment of trademark rights from S Industries, Inc. to "Leo Stoller d/b/a Central Mfg" gave him standing to oppose certain registrations. (Ex. 53 at pp. 8-9 and 11-16.) Debtor has not disclosed in his Schedules his ownership interest in the trademarks associated with this assignment, the goodwill of the business associated by such trademarks, or the business profits upon which such goodwill must be based. (Ex. 1.)

IV. Debtor Has Failed To Disclose Accurately His Pre-Petition <u>Transfers And Liabilities In His Bankruptcy Schedules</u>

135. Debtor failed to list at least four additional creditors -- First Security Trust, IRS Tax Lien, Benjamin, Berneman & Brom, LLC and Querrey & Harrow in his Schedules. The latter three creditors were identified in Debtor's Disclosure Statement in his divorce proceeding as holding approximately \$60,000 in claims. (Ex. 17 at p. 4.)

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- 136. Additionally, Benjamin, Berneman & Brom filed a proof of claim in this case seeking \$20,826. Querrey & Harrow filed a proof of claim seeking \$25,382.40.
- 137. Debtor has caused checks from the Central Manufacturing Company, Inc. checking account to be made payable to "Household Credit Services" for account no. 5489 5551 0377 4933 0300 8311. (Ex. 5 at pp. 59, 168.) Debtor has not listed this credit account or his liability associated therewith in his Schedules. (Ex. 1.)

V. Debtor Does Not Have A Regular <u>Ascertainable Source Of Income to Fund a Plan</u>

- 138. Debtor represented that there is a negative value in Stealth Industries, Central Mfg. Co., and Sentra Industries, Inc. (Stip. No. 32.)
- 139. Debtor has admitted that he does not receive W-2 tax and wage statements from regular employment. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 68.)
 - 140. Debtor obtains his income from trafficking in trademarks. (Stip. No. 42.)
- 141. The income of debtor is based on false assertions of trademark infringement and/or harm due to registration of the challenged party's trademark application. (Stip. No. 47.)
- 142. Debtor admitted that he has been sanctioned previously by the United States
 Trademark Trial and Appeals Board for misconduct during administrative opposition
 proceedings (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 35) and is currently under a sanction order by the
 Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that restricts certain activities of Debtor
 for two years and permanently restricts other activities. (Stip. No. 48.) The sanction Order is
 found in Exhibit 72.
- 143. Debtor's admitted income is claimed by him to be based on income from the trademark license fees, trademark license royalties, or settlements on trademark infringement claims collected by his businesses. (Resp. to Interrog. No. 8; Ex. 76.) The rest of his income from various businesses is undocumented and not ascertainable.
- 144. Given Debtor's record in his effort to enforce claims for trademark infringement to generate most of his income, his expectations of regular future income are doubtful. In

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Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., No. 05 C 725, 2005 WL 3090988, *1 (N.D. III. Nov. 16, 2005), Judge Lindberg found that the Debtor was abusing the judicial system by filing spurious and vexatious litigation. In this respect, he concluded that:

Mr. Stoller, a non-lawyer, has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation. See e.g. Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett. 2005 WL 2445898 (N.D. III. Sept. 30, 2005) (Coar, J.) ("Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp.2d 796 (N.D.Ill.1998) (Castillo, J.) (Stoller initiates "litigation lacking in merit and approaching harassment."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F. Supp. 210, 211 (N.D. Ill. 1996) (Shadur, J.) (Stoller "appears to have entered into a new industry-that of instituting federal litigation."). Additionally, Mr. Stoller or his entities have been ordered to pay their opponent's attorneys' fees in at least seven reported cases. See e.g. Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett, 2005 WL 2445898 (N.D.III. Sept. 30, 2005) (Coar, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Ecolab Inc., 1999 WL 162785 (N.D.III. Mar. 16, 1999) (Gottschall, J.); S. Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp.2d 796, 798-99, 819-20 (N.D. III. 1998) (Castillo, J.); S. Indus., Inc. v. Centra 2000. Inc., 1998 WL 157067 (N.D. III. Mar. 31, 1998) (Lindberg, J.), aff'd by 249 F.3d 625, 627-29 (7th Cir.2001); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 991 F. Supp. 1012 (N.D. III.1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 17 F. Supp.2d 775 (N.D. III. 1998) (Andersen, J.); S. Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 1998 WL 641347 (N.D.III. Sept. 10, 1998) (Andersen, J.); S. Indus., Inc. v. Kimberly-Clark Corp., 1996 WL 388427 (N.D.III. July 9, 1996) (Shadur, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F. Supp. 210, 212 (N.D. Ill. 1996) (Shadur, J.).

Judge Lindberg concluded "[i]n keeping with Mr. Stoller's reputation, his actions in the instant litigation have been vexatious and sanctionable." <u>Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc.</u>, No. 05 C 725, 2005 WL 3090988, *1 (N.D. III. Nov. 16, 2005).

VI. Debtor Does Not Maintain Financial Books Or Records That Would Allow Accurate Evaluation Of Debtor's Assets

- 145. Debtor does not keep or maintain financial books or records for his business or his entities. (Stip. No. 63.) The only records for his business entities are notations on check stubs for his commercial checkbook. (Stip. No. 64.) These were not produced in response to discovery. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 2.)
- 146. Debtor's business and business entities do not have formal end of year audited financial reports for calendar years 2003-2005. (Stip. No. 65.)

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- 147. Debtor has not filed tax returns for any company, corporation, association, or proprietorship for 2003, 2004 or 2005. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 6.)
- 148. In his current Statement of Financial Affairs, Debtor listed Russell Stoller as the custodian of his records. (Ex. 1.) Debtor has admitted that Russell Stoller died in 2003. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 53; Ex. 24; Stip., Nos. 33 to 35.) Debtor has admitted that he knew Russell Stoller was dead when the Petition was filed. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 54.)
- 149. Debtor admitted that his businesses do not use a computer-based accounting system. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 25.) Debtor also admitted that his businesses do not have audited year-end financial statements for 2002-2005 (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 27) and that he has no business financial statements of any kind for 2003 to date. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 11; Stip. Nos. 63 to 67.)
- 150. Debtor represents that he has no general ledger or equivalent financial books for any of his businesses for years 2003 to date. (Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 11; Stip. Nos. 63 to 67.)
- 151. Debtor admitted that his businesses do not use an accountant to prepare tax returns. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 28.) Debtor admitted that he uses a manual accounting system and prepares any tax returns for his businesses himself. (Resp. to Req. for Admis. 26, 29; Stip. No. 66.)
- 152. Debtor admitted that the stated value of his shares of stock in his companies is not based on an audited report by a CPA or certified auditor. (Ex. 77 Resp. to Req. for Admis. 30.)
- 153. Debtor represented that he has no canceled checks, check stubs, bank statements, ledgers, or correspondence showing disbursements and receipts for the last three years (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 2) or documents that reflect the sales or income for any of his businesses. (Ex. 78 Resp. to Doc. Req. No. 9.)
- 154. Debtor previously testified on February 8, 2005, that he tracked income for his businesses by checkbook stubs and mental recall. (Ex. 13 at Dep. pp. 163-64.) This was

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basically the same record-keeping system used by him since January 1989. (Ex. 13 at Dep. pp. 172, 176.)

VII. Other Findings Not Necessary

- 155. In the light of the foregoing Findings, it is unnecessary to deal with the many assertions by Movant that Debtor personally abused other legal proceedings for improper purposes.
- Additional facts set forth in the Conclusions of Law will stand as additional 156. Findings of Fact,

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I. A Petition Filed In Bad Faith Should Be Converted To Chapter 7

Section 1307(c) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a court may convert a Chapter 13 proceeding to a Chapter 7 proceeding "for cause." 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c).2

"Cause" can include filing a petition in bad faith. See, e.g., In re Smith, 848 F.2d 813, 816 n. 3 (7th Cir. 1988); In re Johnson, 228 B.R. 663 (Bankr. N.D. III. 1999).

(1) unreasonable delay by the debtor that is prejudicial to creditors;

(3) failure to file a plan timely under section 1321 of this title;

(4) failure to commence making timely payments under section 1326 of this title;(5) denial of confirmation of a plan under section 1325 of this title and denial of a request made for additional time for filing another plan or a modification of a plan;

(6) material default by the debtor with respect to a term of a confirmed plan;

(7) revocation of the order of confirmation under section 1330 of this title, and denial of confirmation of a modified plan under section 1329 of this title;

(8) termination of a confirmed plan by reason of the occurrence of a condition specified in the

plan other than completion of payments under the plan;

(9) only on request of the United States trustee, failure of the debtor to file, within fifteen days. or such additional time as the court may allow, after the filing of the petition commencing such case, the information required by paragraph (I) of section 521;

(10) only on request of the United States trustee, failure to timely file the information required by paragraph (2) of section 521; or

(11) failure of the debtor to pay any domestic support obligation that first becomes payable after the date of the filing of the petition.

² Section 1307(c) provides as follows:

⁽c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, on request of a party in interest or the United States trustee and after notice and a hearing, the court may convert a case under this chapter to a case under chapter 7 of this title, or may dismiss a case under this chapter, whichever is in the best interests of creditors and the estate, for cause, including-

⁽²⁾ nonpayment of any fees and charges required under chapter 123 of title 28;

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Under Seventh Circuit authority, several factors should be considered when deciding whether a chapter 13 petition was filed in bad faith, including:

- a. the nondischargeability of the debt;
- b. the time of the filing of the petition;
- c. how the debt arose;
- d. the debtor's motive for filing the petition;
- e. how the debtor's actions affected creditors;
- f. the debtor's treatment of creditors both before and after the petition was filed:
- g. whether the debtor has been forthcoming with the bankruptcy court and the creditors.

<u>In re Sidebottom</u>, 430 F.3d 893, 899 (7th Cir. 2005); <u>In re Love</u>, 957 F.2d 1350, 1359 (7th Cir. 1992) (same).

Furthermore, in evaluating whether a petition was filed in good faith, the inquiry looks at both subjective and objective criteria. In short, "the good faith inquiry is both subjective and objective. That is, both objective evidence of a fundamentally unfair result and subjective evidence that a debtor filed a petition for a fundamentally unfair purpose that was not in line with the spirit of the Bankruptcy Code are relevant to the good faith inquiry." Love, 957 F.2d at 1357.

Finally, a debtor's pre-petition conduct may sometimes be relevant to the bad faith inquiry. Id at 1359 ("[T]he bankruptcy court did not err in determining that this prepetition activity was relevant to Love's motives at the time he filed the Chapter 13 petition, as is the Debtor's truthfulness and frankness in helping to piece together pertinent financial matters.").

II. The Debtor's Bad Faith Is Evident From His Lack Of Candor And His Failure To Maintain Books And Records

The Debtor has not been forthcoming with the Court and creditors by any standard.

Indeed, he has not maintained any financial records which would allow the Court, the Chapter 13

Trustee or creditors to understand and assemble his financial status and his ability to pay under a

Chapter 13 Plan. Parties have no way of verifying whether the Debtor's income vastly exceeds

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his liabilities, or whether his ability to pay even the total sum of \$14,000 proposed by Debtor under his Chapter 13 Plan is non-existent or inadequate.

Instead, the Debtor admitted that he does not maintain financial records on such matters. He does not have pay stubs, nor does he have financial statements for his businesses. This lack of candor and records by itself justifies a bad faith finding and conversion to Chapter 7. In re Alt, 305 F.3d 413, 421 (6th Cir. 2002) (dismissing case, in part, based upon debtor's failure to provide proper information about financial matters; concluding: Chapter 13 requires the debtor to be honest, forthcoming, truthful, and frank. Whether the debtor has been forthcoming with the bankruptcy court and the creditors is properly considered in deciding whether dismissal for lack of good faith is appropriate. (See Love 957 F.2d at 1357).

The Debtor's lack of candor also is evident from his Bankruptcy Petition, Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs. These documents are replete with false statements, misleading information, and omissions of material facts. The Debtor: (i) failed to identify various proprietorships, alter-ego corporations and personal aliases under which he conducts business; (ii) failed to disclose income, including, at a minimum, the rental income received from the Property; (iii) failed to disclose interests in residential properties; (iv) provided inaccurate information such as his place of residence and that his deceased father was at time of his bankruptcy filing the custodian of his corporate records; (v) failed initially to disclose his prior bankruptcy; (vi) failed to identify the transfer of the Property to his daughter within a year of the Petition Date; and (vii) failed to identify certain creditors in his Schedules.

The Debtor's disregard for his obligations under Bankruptcy Chapter 13 provide an independent basis to conclude that this case was filed in bad faith and should be converted.

Sidebottom, 430 F.3d at 899; Love, 957 F.2d at 1350; see also In re Henson, 289 B.R. 741, 752 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2003) ("However, it is not necessary to find that Debtor filed bankruptcy in bad faith in order to conclude that cause exists to remove this case from Chapter 13, because Debtor has shown that he is not capable of performing as a Chapter 13 Debtor. Debtor has not

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provided reliable information about his financial condition, he will not make himself available to do so in future ... Cause therefore exists for concluding that this bankruptcy case cannot remain in Chapter 13.").

III. The Debtor's Bad Faith Is Evident From The Fact
That He Would Be Denied A General Discharge
In A Chapter 7 Proceeding Due To His Failure To
Maintain Records And Perhaps Due To Other Conduct

The Debtor's failure to maintain adequate records regarding his sole proprietorships, his business enterprises and his own personal finances unrelated to the operation of a business also merits a finding of bad faith because of the nexus between that conduct and a Chapter 7 discharge. Simply, the Debtor would be denied a discharge under Chapter 7 due to his failure to maintain adequate records and, under Seventh Circuit precedent, that fact helps establish the Debtor's bad faith in filing for Chapter 13 relief. Id. at 1359 (7th Cir. 1992) ("[T]his court stated in Schaitz that 'the requirement of good faith should not be interpreted to permit 'manipulation of the statute [Chapter 13] by debtors who default on obligations grounded in dishonesty and who subsequently seek refuge in Chapter 13 in order to avoid, at minimal cost, a nondischargeable debt."").3

Here, the undisputed fact that the Debtor failed to maintain adequate books and records from which his financial condition or business transactions might be ascertained provides possible grounds to consider denial of his discharge under Section 727(a)(3).4

Although the <u>Love</u> case dealt with a nondischargeable obligation under Section 523, there is no reason its analysis would not apply with equal force, if not greater, to a denial of discharge proceeding under Section 727.

Section 727(a)(3) provides that "[t]he court shall grant the debtor a discharge, unless

⁽³⁾ the debtor has concealed, destroyed, mutilated, falsified, or failed to keep or preserve any recorded information, including books, documents, records, and papers, from which the debtor's financial condition or business transactions might be ascertained, unless such act or failure to act was justified under all of the circumstances of the case

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Furthermore, the Debtor's transfer of his interest in the house at 1212 North Lathrop within a year of bankruptcy to his daughter for no consideration and failure to disclose that in his bankruptcy filings also provides an independent bad faith basis for considering conversion.

Investigation is warranted into that transaction and any grounds that might exist to set it aside. A Chapter 7 Trustee will usually be staffed and equipped for inquiry and litigation into such matters, while the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee is not.

IV. This Case Should Be Converted Because Debtor Failed To Disclose The Existence Of Unincorporated Businesses He Owns

"Debtors have an absolute duty to report whatever interests they hold in property, even if they believe their assets are worthless or are unavailable to the bankruptcy estate." <u>In re</u>

<u>Yonikus</u>, 974 F.2d 901, 904 (7th Cir. 1992). Debtors also have a duty to maintain adequate records in order to enable creditors and other interested parties to ascertain the debtor's true financial condition.

A Chapter 13 case should be converted to chapter 7 when, like here, the debtor fails to disclose his interests in unincorporated businesses associations or fails to maintain adequate records. In re Buchanan, 225 B.R. 672, 674 (Bankr. D. Minn. 1998) aff'd, Buchanan v. U.S., No. 98-2291, 1999 WL 314819 (D. Minn. Apr 2, 1999) (case converted to chapter 7, in part, because debtor failed to disclose his interests in sole proprietorships and other businesses: "Right from the beginning, on the first page of his petition the debtor failed to disclose trade names he used in the prior six years. Under the required heading "ALL OTHER NAMES used by the debtor in the last 6 years (Include [] trade names)", the debtor listed "none" when, in fact, he operated at least six sole proprietorships during that period of time, including Health Personnel, Silver Lining Assisted Lifestyles, Monroe Electronics, United Publishing, Monroe Underwater, and Covenant PCA Services."); In re Henson, 289 B.R. 741, 752 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2003) ("However, it is not necessary to find that Debtor filed bankruptcy in bad faith in order to conclude that cause exists to remove this case from Chapter 13, because Debtor has shown that he is not capable of

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performing as a Chapter 13 Debtor. Debtor has not provided reliable information about his financial condition, he will not make himself available to do so in future, and Lucas has been unable to do so in Debtor's absence. Cause therefore exists for concluding that this bankruptcy case cannot remain in Chapter 13."); In re Fonke, 310 B.R. 809, 817 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2004) (Chapter 13 case converted to Chapter 7 case where "Debtor failed to disclose all of his assets on his Schedules, including certain leases, "memberships", farming equipment, livestock, as well as property that he himself judged to be his wife's separate property.").

Nor can the Debtor succeed in arguing that he had no obligation to disclose his interests in various unincorporated businesses ventures. Under Illinois law it is well-settled that an unincorporated business is an asset of the responsible individual and the liabilities of that business also are that same person's liabilities. Corporations are creatures of statute. The corporate entity cannot exist without the authority of law and compliance with the procedures to establish a cognizable corporation that shields personal liability. Stroh v. Blackhawk Holding Corp., 48 III. 2d 471, 474 (III. 1971) ("A corporation is a creature of statute. It is a legal entity which owes its existence to the first of law.").

Thus, use of an assumed name without compliance with the applicable corporate formation laws or assumed name laws creates a sole proprietorship, not a separate legal entity.

See Hoskins Chevrolet, Inc. v. Hochberg, 294 Ill. App. 3d 550, 555 (Ill. App. 1998) (finding personal liability by the defendant for improper use of an alleged assumed name, the Court noted that "[t]he Business Corporations Act . . . permits a corporation to elect to adopt an assumed name provided that certain procedures are followed. . . Where those procedures are not followed, the corporation is required to conduct business under its corporate name. . . . The use of an assumed name without complying with the Act or disclosing the corporate name neither creates a legal entity nor does it inform creditors of the existence of the parent corporation."); Vernon v. Schuster, 179 Ill.2d 338, 347-48 (Ill. 1997); Regency Financial Corp. v. Mezicre, No. 90 C 428, 1990 WL 103247, at *3 (N.D. Ill. July 16, 1990) ("Where business is conducted under an

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assumed name there must be some underlying entity and the Illinois Assumed Business Name Act requires the entity to file with the State both the identity of the actual entity and its assumed name.").

V. It Has Not Been Established That The Debtor Does Not Qualify For Relief Under Chapter 13

Section 109(e) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "only an individual with regular income that owes, on the date of the filing of the petition, noncontingent, liquidated, unsecured debts of less than \$307,675... may be a debtor under chapter 13 of this title." 11 U.S.C. § 109(e). Accordingly, in order to qualify for Chapter 13 relief, a debtor must not have debts in excess of the threshold amount *and* the debtor must have a regular income. If a debtor has debts that exceed the threshold amount, the case should be converted.

In this case, Pure claims that Debtor's debts exceed the statutory maximum of \$307,675. In determining whether a debtor meets the requirements of section 109(e), the Court may look beyond the debtor's Schedules to the complaints and judgments in the lawsuits from which the debts arise.

Simply because a debt is disputed does not exempt it from being included in the Section 109(e) calculation. In re Knight, 55 F.3d 231, 234 (7th Cir. 1995) ("[I]n light of the virtual synonymy of "debt" and "claim," therefore, we conclude that a disputed claim is a debt to be included when calculating the § 109(e) requirements"); In re Nicholes, 184 B.R. 82, 87 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995).

Additionally, even a debt that has not been formally liquidated can disqualify a debtor for Chapter 13 relief. Instead, "[i]f the amount of a claim has been ascertained or can readily be calculated, it is liquidated-whether contested or not." Knight, 55 F.3d at 235 (emphasis supplied).

Pure argues that the Debtor is liable for amounts expended by Pure Fishing in litigating before Judge Lindberg and argues that this liability exceeds \$400,000. However, no such claim was liquidated before Judge Lindberg and no such claim was even filed in this bankruptcy case.

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Debtor's Schedules admitted to debts totalling \$183,000 and unscheduled claims totalling \$46,526.71 have been filed. Those debts do not exceed the maximum.

VI. Converting This Case Would Best Serve The Interests Of Creditors

Converting this case to a Chapter 7 case also would best serve the interests of creditors.

Creditors are likely to recover more in a Chapter 7 case than they will under the Debtor's proposed Chapter 13 plan which proposes to pay approximately \$14,000 to creditors. The Chapter 7 trustee will be able to investigate the Debtor's tangled financial affairs and schedule omissions, and also pursue a possible fraudulent transfer to ensure an equitable distribution to creditors. See In re Eatman, 182 B.R. 386, 394 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1995) (converting case to Chapter 7 served best interests of creditors and estate where schedules were riddled with inaccuracies and omissions, where Chapter 7 trustee can investigate the debtor's financial affairs and bring appropriate actions to recover property, and if necessary object to debtor's discharge where the debtor may have disposed of or concealed assets).

Also, once this case is converted to Chapter 7, the Trustee may, upon investigating Debtor's false statements and lack of records, contend that Debtor should be denied a discharge.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, and based both on statements from the bench following final argument and the foregoing detailed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Order for Conversion of this case to one under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code was entered.

ENTEK:

Jack/B. Schmetterer

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Entered this

day of September 2006.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

ln re:) Case No. 05 B 64075
LEO STOLLER,) Chapter 13
Debtor.) Honorable Jack B. Schmettere:))

ORDER CONVERTING CHAPTER 13 CASE TO A CASE UNDER CHAPTER 7

This matter having been presented to the Court upon the Motion (the "Motion") to Convert Chapter 13 Case to Chapter 7 and for Immediate Appointment of Trustee filed on March 15, 2006, by Pure Fishing, Inc. ("PFI"), and the Court having conducted a hearing on the Motion and having concluded at the end of that hearing, pursuant to comments which shall be amplified by further findings of fact and conclusions of law, that sufficient cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Motion;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court does hereby ORDER that:

- 1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1307(c), the Motion is granted and the captioned case hereby is converted from a proceeding under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code to a proceeding under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, *mine pro tune* August 31, 2006;
 - 2. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 701, the United States Trustee shall appoint an interim

itrustee in this case.

7. This order is effective.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re

Chapter 7

LEO STOLLER,

Case No. 05-64075

Debtor.

Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

Hearing Date: October 5, 2006 Hearing Time: 10:30 a.m.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF DEBTOR'S WHOLLY-OWNED CORPORATIONS AND RELATED RELIEF

Upon consideration of the application (the "Motion") of Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate of Leo Stoller (the "Debtor"), for the entry of an order authorizing the Trustee to act on behalf of the Debtor's Wholly-Owned Corporations (as defined in the Motion) solely in the Trustee's capacity as the sole shareholder of such corporations; due and proper notice of the Motion having been given; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises; its is hereby

ORDERED:

- Notice of the Motion as provided for therein is sufficient and further notice is waived.
- 2. The Trustee is authorized to act on behalf of each of the Wholly-Owned

 Corporations in the capacity of sole shareholder of each respective corporation as set forth in the

Motion.

Dated:

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Bankruptcy Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:)
LEO STOLLER,) Case No. 05 B 64075
Debtor.))) Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer
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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER APPROVING SALE OF DEBTOR'S ASSETS

Upon consideration of the motion (the "Sale Motion") of Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee herein (the "Trustee"), pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(b) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002, 6004 and 9006, for authority to sell the Debtors' Assets for \$7,500, or such higher amounts as may be realized through competitive bidding, and for related relief, it appearing to the Court as follows:

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that

- A. Findings and Conclusions stated following hearings on July 24, 2007 and August 7, 2007, and the findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 9014.
- B. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.
- C. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Sale Motion and the APA.
- D. Notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing has been given in accordance with Sections 102(1) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 2002, 6004, 9006, 9007, and 9008, the local rules of this Court, the Sale Procedures Order, and the

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APA. The foregoing notice constitutes good and sufficient notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing, and no other or further notice of the Sale Motion, the Auction, the Sale Hearing or the entry of this Order need be given.

- E. A reasonable opportunity has been afforded any interested party to make a higher or better offer for the Assets during the Auction within the time period ordered or to object and be heard regarding the Sale Motion.
- F. Sound business reasons exist for the Trustee's sale of the Assets pursuant to the APA. Entry into the APA and the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby constitute the exercise by the Trustee's of sound business judgment and such acts are in the best interests of the Debtor, his estate and its creditors. Two major creditors supported the Trustee's Motion; no creditor opposed it.
- G. Based on the results of the Auction, the Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC or its respective designees (collectively, the "Purchaser") made the only offer received for the Assets within the time period ordered, which offer was in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- H. The sale consideration to be realized by the Debtor's estate pursuant to the APA is fair and reasonable since it was the only valid offer received.
- I. The APA and the transactions contemplated by the APA were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Trustee and the Purchaser at arm's length, without collusion and in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Auction conducted in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order entered on June 1, 2007, was conducted in good faith within the meaning of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee and the Purchaser are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to all aspects of the APA.

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- J. The Purchase Price under the APA is fair and reasonable and is sufficient value for the Assets, since it was the only valid offer received. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the APA is in the best interests of the Debtor and his estate, its creditors and other parties in interest.
- K. In the absence of a stay pending appeal, the Purchaser will be acting in good faith pursuant to Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code in closing the transactions contemplated by the APA at magnine of the before August 11, 2007.
- L. The Court incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the additional findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth on the record of the Auction and Sale Hearing.

For all of the foregoing and after due deliberation, the Court ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES THAT:

- 1. The Sale Motion, the APA, the Auction, and the transactions contemplated thereby are hereby approved.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized to sell the Assets to the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the APA.
- 3. The Trustee and the Purchaser are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents and instruments that the Trustee or the Purchaser deem necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA.
- 4. The Sale of the Assets to the Purchaser shall be free and clear of all liens and all other claims whatsoever pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, liens and claims of any of the Debtor's creditors, vendors, suppliers, employees or lessors, and the Purchaser shall not be liable in any way (as a successor to the Debtor or otherwise) for any claims that any of the foregoing or any other third party may have against the Debtor or the Assets. Any and all alleged liens and claims on the Assets shall be transferred, affixed, and attached to the proceeds of the Sale, with the same validity, priority, force, and effect as such liens had been upon such property immediately prior to the Closing.

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- 5. Subject to the payment by the Purchaser to the Trustee of the consideration provided for in the APA, effective as of the Closing, the sale of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser shall constitute a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets and shall vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtor (and the Trustee and the Estate) in and to the Assets, free and clear of all liens pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein, if it is established after the Closing that the Debtor transferred the Stock to a third-party transferee, and such transfer may be avoided by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee shall commence and prosecute such adversary proceeding(s) against such transferee(s) as may be necessary to avoid such transfers.
- 7. The sale of the Assets to the Purchaser under the APA will constitute a transfer for reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and the laws of the State of Illinois. The transfer of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser is a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets notwithstanding any requirement for approval or consent of any person.
- 8. The Purchaser is hereby granted and is entitled to the protections provided to a good-faith purchaser under Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, all Persons served with a copy of this Order are enjoined from taking any action against the Purchaser or the Assets to recover any claim which such Person had solely against the Debtor or the Assets.
- 10. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7062, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and its provisions shall be self-executing.
- 11. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction through the earlier of dismissal or closing of the Debtor's case to interpret and enforce the provisions of the APA, the Sale Procedures Order, and this Order in all respects and further to hear and determine all matters arising from the construction or implementation of this Order or the APA and any and all

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disputes between the Debtor and/or the Purchaser, as the case may be; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event the Court abstains from exercising or declines to exercise such jurisdiction or is without jurisdiction with respect to the APA, Sale Procedures Order, or this Order, such abstention, refusal or lack of jurisdiction shall have no effect upon, and shall not control, prohibit, or limit the exercise of jurisdiction of any other court having competent jurisdiction with respect to any such matter.

- 12. The provisions of this Order are nonseverable and mutually dependent.
- 13. This Order shall inure to the benefit of the Purchaser, the Trustee, and their respective successors and assigns and shall be binding upon any trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary that may be appointed in connection with this case or any other or further cases involving the Debtor, whether under Chapter 7, Chapter 11 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency, department or entity may accept the filing of any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to implement, effectuate or consummate the transactions contemplated by the APA and this Order.
- 15. The Trustee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all instruments as may be required to effectuate the terms of the APA and this Order. The Trustee and each other person having duties or responsibilities under the APA, any agreements related thereto or this Order, and their respective members, directors, officers, general partners, agents, representatives, and attorneys, are authorized and empowered subject to the terms and conditions contained in the APA and the schedules annexed thereto to carry out all of the provisions of the APA and any related agreements; to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, the documents evidencing and consummating the APA, and any related agreements; to take any and all actions contemplated by the APA, any related agreements or this Order; and to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, such other contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, mortgages, deeds, bills of sale, assignments, leases, or other agreements or documents and to

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perform such other acts and execute and deliver such other documents, as are consistent with, and necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate and consummate, the APA, any related agreement and this Order and the transactions contemplated thereby and hereby, all without further application to, or order of, the Court or further action by their respective directors, stockholders, or partners, and with like effect as if such actions had been taken by unanimous action of the respective directors, stockholders, and partners of such entities. The Trustee shall be, and hereby is, authorized to certify or attest to any of the foregoing actions (but no such certification or attestation shall be required to make any such action valid, binding, and enforceable). The Trustee is further authorized and empowered to cause to be filed with the secretary of state of any state or other applicable officials of any applicable governmental units any and all certificates, agreements, or amendments necessary or appropriate to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA, any related agreements and this Order, including amended and restated certificates or articles of incorporation and by-laws or certificates or articles of amendment, and all such other actions, filings, or recordings as may be required under appropriate provisions of the applicable laws of all applicable governmental units or as the Trustee may determine is necessary or appropriate. The execution of any such document or the taking of any such action shall be, and hereby is, deemed conclusive evidence of the authority of such person to so act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Order shall constitute all approvals and consents, if any, required by the corporation laws of the State of Illinois and all other applicable business corporation, trust, and other laws of the applicable governmental units with respect to the implementation and consummation of the APA, any related agreements and this Order, and the transactions contemplated thereby and hereby.

16. In the absence of any entity obtaining a stay pending appeal, if the Trustee and the Purchaser close under the APA, the Purchaser shall be entitled to the protection of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code as to all aspects of the transaction pursuant to the APA if this Order or any authorization contained herein is reversed or modified on appeal.

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- 17. The APA and any related agreements may be modified, amended or supplemented by APA of the Trustee and the Purchaser without further action of the Court; provided that any such modification, amendment or supplement is not material and substantially conforms to and offectuates the APA.
- All proceeds paid by the Purchaser to the Trustee for the Assets shall be held by 18. the Trustee pending further order of the Court.

19. This Order is not intended to, nor shall it, amend, expand or increase the rights, obligations or responsibilities of the parties to the APA.

Jack B. Schmetterer Omted States Bankruptcy Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

No. 05 B 64075
orable Jack B. Schmetterer

ORDER APPROVING SALE OF DEBTOR'S ASSETS

Pursuant to Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law made this date, the Court ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES THAT:

- 1. The Sale Motion, the APA, the Auction, and the transactions contemplated thereby are hereby approved.
- Pursuant to Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized to
 sell the Assets to the Purchaser upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the APA.
- 3. The Trustee and the Purchaser are hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents and instruments that the Trustee or the Purchaser deem necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA.
- 4. The Sale of the Assets to the Purchaser shall be free and clear of all liens and all other claims whatsoever pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, liens and claims of any of the Debtor's creditors, vendors, suppliers, employees or lessors, and the Purchaser shall not be liable in any way (as a successor to the Debtor or otherwise) for any claims that any of the foregoing or any other third party may have against the Debtor or the Assets. Any and all alleged liens and claims on the Assets shall be transferred, affixed, and attached to the proceeds of the Sale, with the same validity, priority, force, and effect as such liens had been upon such property immediately prior to the Closing.

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- 5. Subject to the payment by the Purchaser to the Trustee of the consideration provided for in the APA, effective as of the Closing, the sale of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser shall constitute a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets and shall vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtor (and the Trustee and the Estate) in and to the Assets, free and clear of all liens pursuant to Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein, if it is established after the Closing that the Debtor transferred the Stock to a third-party transferee, and such transfer may be avoided by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee shall commence and prosecute such adversary proceeding(s) against such transferee(s) as may be necessary to avoid such transfers.
- 7. The sale of the Assets to the Purchaser under the APA will constitute a transfer for reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and the laws of the State of Illinois. The transfer of the Assets by the Trustee to the Purchaser is a legal, valid and effective transfer of the Assets notwithstanding any requirement for approval or consent of any person.
- 8. The Purchaser is hereby granted and is entitled to the protections provided to a good-faith purchaser under Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, all Persons served with a copy of this Order are enjoined from taking any action against the Purchaser or the Assets to recover any claim which such Person had solely against the Debtor or the Assets.
- 10. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7062, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and its provisions shall be self-executing.
- 11. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction through the earlier of dismissal or closing of the Debtor's case to interpret and enforce the provisions of the APA, the Sale Procedures Order, and this Order in all respects and further to hear and determine all matters arising from the construction or implementation of this Order or the APA and any and all

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- 12. The provisions of this Order are nonseverable and mutually dependent.
- 13. This Order shall inure to the benefit of the Purchaser, the Trustee, and their respective successors and assigns and shall be binding upon any trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary that may be appointed in connection with this case or any other or further cases involving the Debtor, whether under Chapter 7, Chapter 11 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency, department or entity may accept the filing of any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to implement, effectuate or consummate the transactions contemplated by the APA and this Order.
- The Trustee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all instruments as may be required to effectuate the terms of the APA and this Order. The Trustee and each other person having duties or responsibilities under the APA, any agreements related thereto or this Order, and their respective members, directors, officers, general partners, agents, representatives, and attorneys, are authorized and empowered subject to the terms and conditions contained in the APA and the schedules annexed thereto to carry out all of the provisions of the APA and any related agreements; to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, the documents evidencing and consummating the APA, and any related agreements; to take any and all actions contemplated by the APA, any related agreements or this Order; and to issue, execute, deliver, file, and record, as appropriate, such other contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, mortgages, deeds, bills of sale, assignments, leases, or other agreements or documents and to

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perform such other acts and execute and deliver such other documents, as are consistent with, and necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate and consummate, the APA, any related agreement and this Order and the transactions contemplated thereby and hereby, all without further application to, or order of, the Court or further action by their respective directors, stockholders, or partners, and with like effect as if such actions had been taken by unanimous action of the respective directors, stockholders, and partners of such entities. The Trustee shall be, and hereby is, authorized to certify or attest to any of the foregoing actions (but no such certification or attestation shall be required to make any such action valid, binding, and enforceable). The Trustee is further authorized and empowered to cause to be filed with the secretary of state of any state or other applicable officials of any applicable governmental units any and all certificates, agreements, or amendments necessary or appropriate to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the APA, any related agreements and this Order, including amended and restated certificates or articles of incorporation and by-laws or certificates or articles of amendment, and all such other actions, filings, or recordings as may be required under appropriate provisions of the applicable laws of all applicable governmental units or as the Trustee may determine is necessary or appropriate. The execution of any such document or the taking of any such action shall be, and hereby is, deemed conclusive evidence of the authority of such person to so act. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Order shall constitute all approvals and consents, if any, required by the corporation laws of the State of Illinois and all other applicable business corporation, trust, and other laws of the applicable governmental units with respect to the implementation and consummation of the APA, any related agreements and this Order, and the transactions contemplated thereby and hereby.

16. In the absence of any entity obtaining a stay pending appeal, if the Trustee and the Purchaser close under the APA, the Purchaser shall be entitled to the protection of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code as to all aspects of the transaction pursuant to the APA if this Order or any authorization contained herein is reversed or modified on appeal.

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Jaco B. Schmetterer United States Bankruptcy Judge

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ASSIGNOR:

RICHARD M. FOGEL

DOC DATE: 08/20/2007

CITIZENSHIP: UNITED STATES

ENTITY: Trustee

ASSIGNEE:

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF TRADEMARK ABUSE, LLC

10560 MAIN STREET, SUITE 220

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030

CITIZENSHIP:

ENTITY: Limited Liability Company

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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment ("Assignment") is made effective as of August 20, 2007 from Richard M. Fogel ("Assignor" or "Trustee"), not individually, but solely as the trustee of the chapter 7 bankruptcy estate (the "Estate") of Leo D. Stoller ("Debtor"), to The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC ("Assignee"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and having an office at 10560 Main Street, Suite 220, Fairfax, VA 22030:

WHEREAS, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on December 22, 2005 (the "Petition Date") and Debtor's bankruptcy case is currently pending as Case No. 05 B 64075 before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Court").

WHEREAS as of the Petition Date, the Debtor owned or claimed an interest in certain intellectual property, including but not limited to, registered and unregistered trademarks and service marks along with the underlying goodwill of whatever business or arrangement may use such marks(the "Marks") and licenses for certain Marks (the "Licenses"), and claims asserted by the Debtor in connection with the Marks and/or the Licenses through lawsuits for alleged damages and/or infringement, trademark oppositions, and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeals Board (the "Claims"); which interests and ownership the Debtor claimed either directly or through one or more proprietorships, including, but not limited to, Central Mfg. Co. (whether or not designated as a Delaware corporation, stock holding company, or assumed name for Central Mfg. Inc.), Central Manufacturing Company Inc., Rentamark, Stealth, and Stealth Licensing;

WHEREAS as of the Petition Date, the Debtor owned all of the stock (the "Stock") of the following incorporated entities: Central Mfg. Inc. ("Central"), Stealth Industries Inc. ("Stealth"), Sentra Industries Inc. ("Sentra"), S Industries Inc. ("S") and USA Sports Co. Inc. ("USA" and, collectively with Central, Stealth, Sentra and S (the "Corporations") which own or claim an interest in certain intellectual property in addition to the Marks and the Licenses and have asserted certain claims for alleged damages and/or infringements in addition to the Claims;

WHEREAS because there is a question as to whether the Debtor has fully disclosed to the Court the extent and nature of his interests in the Marks, Licenses, Claims and Stock (collectively, whether known or unknown, disclosed by the Debtor or undisclosed by the Debtor, the "Assets"), there exists the possibility that the scope and nature of Assets known to the Trustee is incomplete:

WHEREAS the Court has held that, pursuant to the provisions of section 541(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Assets are property of the Estate and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(e);

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to convey, transfer, assign, deliver, and contribute to Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest in and to the Assets, whether known or unknown to the Trustee, in "as is" and "where is" condition without claim or warranty of validity, enforceability or factual support associated with either; and Assignee's desires to receive the Assets under said conditions;

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2007, the Court entered an order (the "Sale Order") that approved the Trustee's sale of the Assets to Assignee and approved his entry into the transaction contemplated and evidenced herein and as of the date of this Assignment, no order of the Court, or any applicable appellate court has been entered prohibiting or otherwise staying the effect of the Sale Order, the Trustee's execution of this Assignment or the transfer of the Estate's right, title and interest in the Assets to the Assignee;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby conveys, transfers, assigns, delivers, and contributes to Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest of whatever kind in and to the Assets. Without limiting the extent of the Assets as defined in the recitals set forth above, the

- the registrations and unregistered common law rights associated with the known Marks listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, together with the goodwill of any business symbolized thereby in connection with the goods on which the Marks may have been, are, may be, or will be used and, whether known or unknown to the
 - all Marks or Claims, whether known or unknown to the Trustee (b)
- the goodwill of any business relating to the products or services upon which the Marks may have been, are, may be, or will be used and for which they are registered;
- all income royalties and damages hereafter due or payable to the Estate with respect to the Marks, including but not limited to any damages or other payments for past infringements and misappropriation of the Marks and all rights to sue on account of such
- all Licenses, whether known or unknown to the Trustee, that were granted to or taken by the Debtor from any third parties associated with any claim of a Mark, including the right to receive any royalties associated therewith or benefit of use that would otherwise inure to any licensor of any such Mark right (known licenses are listed in Exhibit B);
- the right to recover past damages for any infringement of any Mark for any of the Marks conveyed herein;
- all Claims that involve or relate to any pending proceeding before a U.S. federal court or the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Trademark Trial and Appeals Board; and
 - (g) all of the Estate's right, title and interest in the Stock.

Assignor further covenants that it will execute all documents, papers, forms and authorizations and take all other actions that may be necessary for securing, completing, or vesting in Assignee all of the Estate's right, title, and interest in the Assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has duty executed under seal and delivered this Assignment, as of the day and year first above written.

Richard M. Fogel, not individually but as trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Leo D. Stoller, case no. 05 B 64075 (Bankr. N.D. III.)

By Richard M. Fogel, trustee

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State Of Illinois)
County of Cook

On August 20, 2007 before me, **Lieuter Libertus** Notary Public, personally appeared RICHARD M. FOGEL, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
HEATHER M BRENNAN
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:05/23/09



SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS

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73398142	1270016 (3/13/84)	SENTRA	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (3/30/98)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S: Tennis Rackets. FIRST USE; 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901
73399116	1323733 (3/5/85)	CREATIVE TRAVEL	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/22/96)	39	IC 039. US 105. G & S: Travel Agency and Tour Operation. FIRST USE: 19630301. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19630301
73481745	1326765 (3/5/84)	SENTRA	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/9/98)	6	IC 009. US 026. G & S: Calculators, Photographic Apparatus-Namely, Cameras and Lenses, Optical Apparatus-Namely, Binoculars and Telescopes. FIRST USE: 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901
73496994	1332378 (4/23/85)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (12/29/97)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S: Sporting Goods, Specifically, Tennis Rackets, Golf Clubs, Tennis Balls, Basketballs, Baseballs, Soccer Balls, Golf Balls, Cross Bows, Tennis Racket Strings and Shuttlecocks. FIRST USE: 19810115. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810115
73478410	1361523	SENTRA	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/9/98)	56	(CANCELLED) IC 009. US 028. G & S. SPORTS GOGGLES. FIRST USE: 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901IC 026. US 022. G & S. SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, TENNIS RACQUETS, GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS, AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901

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73552024	1384193 (2/25/86)	SENTRA	CENTRAL MFG. 10. (3/30/98)	12	IC 012. US 019. G & S: BOATS AND BICYCLES. FIRST USE: 19810400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810400
73554850	1424951 (1/13/87)	PLAY THE ANGLE	CENTRAL MFG. 2 CO. (1/6/06)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, TENNIS RACKETS, GOLF CLUBS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACKET STRINGS, AND SHUTTLE COCKS. FIRST USE: 19790200. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19790200
73553786	1438152 (4/28/87)	FIRE POWER	CENTRAL MFG 2 CO. (4/7/98)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S. SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, TENNIS RACKETS, GOLF CLUBS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, GOLF BALLS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACKET STRINGS AND SHUTTLE COCKS. FIRST USE: 19810000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810000
73621586	1450972 (8/4/87)	CHESTNUT	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	28	IC 028. US 022. G & S. SPORTING GOODS - NAMELY, TENNIS RACKETS, GOLF CLUBS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS, GOLF BALLS, CROSS BOWS, TENNIS RACKET STRINGS AND SHUTTLE COCKS. FIRST USE: 19820900. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820900
73621174	1496826 (7/19/88)	SENTRA	CENTRAL MFG 2 CO. (4/9/98)	25	IC 025. US 039. G & S: CLOTHING, NAMELY, MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOYS' AND GIRLS' PANTS, SHIRTS, SHORTS, LEGWARMERS, BRAS, PANTIES, SOCKS, HOSIERY, JACKETS, COATS, DRESSES, BATHING SUITS, WARM-UP SUITS, T-SHIRTS, BLOUSES, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, HATS, HEADBANDS,

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SCHEDULE A TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/25/06)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)
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KS.		& S: SPORT TS, RACQU TS, BADDA TF BALLS, VAMELY B TROSSBOV TITLECOC	& S. SPORT NAMELY 'ACQUETS LF CLUBS, UTTLECO SF IN CON	& S. SPORT BALL, SQ F CLUBS, C ALLS, BAS ND VOLLI D TENNIS FIRST USI	S, SPORT S, INCLUD 4; GOLF CI
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CE MARKS	(Date of Assign) Class Goods	TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS; CROSS BOWS; TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS; SPORTS BALLS AND SHUTTLECOCKS.	FIRST USE: 19880400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880400	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS - NAMELY, TENNIS, RACQUETBALL, SQUASH, AND RADMINTON: GOI F CT 1185. GOI F DATES.	CENTRAL MFG 28 BALLS; SPORTS BALLS - NAMELY, BASKETBALL, CO. (4/7/98) BASEBALL. FOOTBALL. SOCCERBALL AND	·	19880111. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880111	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS, INCLUDING TENNIS RACKETS, RACQUETBALLS, BALLRACQUET, SQUASH, BADMINTON, GOLF	CENTRAL MFG 28 INCLUDING BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, FOOTBALL, CO. (4/7/98)	TENNIS RACQUET STRING, AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19850110. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:	19850110	LEO STOLLER 32 IC 032, US 048, G & S. beer. FIRST USE: 19930929.	IFG. 14
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HEDULE A - TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class. Goods	19820200	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: audiocassettes, audio tapes, audio discs, and phonograph records all featuring science fiction matter; video discs, motion picture films, and prerecorded videotapes, all featuring animated works about science fiction matter; binoculars, calculators; blank audio cassettes; blank video cassettes; blank discs for computers; air tanks for use in scuba diving; computer disc drivers; computer fax modem cards; electric irons; electronic flying insect light traps, electronic garage door locks; eyeglasses and sunglasses and frames therefor; cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; keyboards for computers; life jackets; lifebelts; life nets; decorative refrigerator magnets; slide projectors; photographic slide transparencies; photographic video cameras and lenses therefor; radios; safety goggles; telephones; telescopes; electronic calendars, namely, handheld personal electronic devices for scheduling appointments. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100.	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S: clocks; watches; gold jewelry; ornamental lapel pins. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: investment management and insurance consultation. FIRST USE: 19931000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19931000
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LE A – TRADEMAF	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/9/98)
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	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)		2057613 (4/29/97)	2061586 (5/13/97)	2064576 (5/27/97)
	Serial No.		75154345	75154344	75006422

SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G & S: postcards, posters, campus maps, greeting cards, stationery, message and memo pads, checkbook covers, calendars, book marks, notebooks, letter openers, pencils, pens, desk sets, bumper stickers, decals, iron-on heat transfers, bank checks, dictionaries, wrapping paper, comic magazines and books, photographic albums, pen and pencil cases, paper folders, game books, coloring books, sheets of music, playing cards, printed invitations, scribble pads, diaries, diary covers, paperweights, syndicated newspaper and magazine cartoon features, drawing rulers, ungraduated rulers, looseleaf binders, erasers, pencil sharpeners, paper hats, paper party hats, bulletin boards, highlighter pens, water globe paperweights, pocket secretaries, agenda books, staplers, book covers, paintings, joke books, autograph books, paper tablecloths, aunouncement cards, bookends, ring binders, report covers, series of fictional books, children's fictional storybooks. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: series of television and radio programs about science fiction; musical entertainment services by a vocal group; arcade service for video amusement games; organizing and conducting sporting events for tennis and golf; amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; conducting aerobatic		
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E A – TRADEMA	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/29/98)		
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D SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: clothing, namely, men's, women's, boy's and girl's pants, shirts, shorts, legwarmers, bras, panties, socks, hosiery, jackets, coats, dresses, bathing suits, warm-up suits, T-shirts, blouses, shirts, underwear, hats, headbands, lingerie, body suits, and shoes. FIRST USE: 19831001. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19831001	IC 003. US 001 004 006 050 051 052. G & S: laundry bleach; laundry detergent; all-purpose cleaning preparations; floor polish; furniture polish; chrome polish; scouring liquids; general purpose scouring powder; skin abrasive preparations; skin soap; perfume; cologne; essential oils for personal use; hair lotion; dentiffices; suntan lotion and oil; shaving cream; after-shave lotion; cosmetics, namely, lipstick, eye shadow, toner, makeup, blush, rouge, lip gloss. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 002. US 006 011 016. G & S: mordants for use in the area of pipelines; varnish; colorants for use in the manufacture of paint; colorants for use in the manufacture of cosmetics; corrosion inhibiting paint type coatings for commercial marine use; house paint; exterior paint; interior paint; paint primers; paint for use in the manufacture of furniture; paint for artists; paint for concrete floors; paint for industrial equipment and machinery; paint for model airplanes, model cars and the like; wood preservatives; rust preservatives in the nature of a coating; natural resins for
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	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	Stoller, Leo D. DBA Sentra Sporting Goods USA Co.	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/27/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (7/27/98)
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	Serial No.	75124411	75219634	75219633

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					use in the manufacture of adhesives; shellac and lacquers for use as a surface coating; metals in foil and powder for painters, decorators, printers and artists. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100
75230338	2137059 (2/17/98)	AIR FRAME	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	14	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: series of television and radio programs about science fiction; musical entertainment services [in the nature of live performances] by a vocal group; arcade service for video amusement games; organizing and conducting sporting events for tennis and golf; amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; conducting aerobatic competitions; educational services, namely, providing workshops, lectures, courses and group instruction in trademark licensing. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100
75242656	2137218 (2/17/98)	AIR FRAME	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/93)	25	IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: athletic shoes; cloth baby bibs; bandannas; baseball caps; baseball shirts; blouses; baby buntings; caps; casual pants; casual shoes; children's wear, namely, [pants, shirts, pajamas, stockings, underwear, hats, shoes;] collars, cover-alls; dress shirts; dresses; garter belts; gloves; golf shirts; gym shirts; hats; hosiery; jackets; jeans; jumpers; knit shirts; leg warmers; lingerie; mittens; neckties; negligees; painter's caps; pajamas; parkas; polotype shirts; ponchos; robes; running shoes; running shorts; scarves; shirts; shawls; shoes; shorts; ski jackets; skirts; slaeks; sleepwear; slips; [non-protective] snowmobile

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				suits; socks; sport shoes; sunsuits; sun visors; suspenders; sweatbands; sweat pants; sweat shirts; sweat shorts; sweaters; swimwear; swimsuits; T-shirts; tank tops; tennis shirts; ties; tights; tracksuits; underwear; vests; walking shorts; wind resistant jackets; workpants; wrist bands. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100
75228497	2138609 (2/24/98)	AIR FRAME	CO. (4/7/98)	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: audio cassettes, audio tapes, audio discs, and phonograph records all featuring science fiction matter; video discs, motion picture films, and prerecorded videotapes, all featuring animated works about science fiction matter; binoculars, calculators; blank audio cassettes; blank video cassettes; air tanks for use in scuba diving; electric irons; electronic flying insect light traps, electronic garage door locks; eyeglasses and sunglasses and frames there for; cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; life jackets; life belts; life nets; decorative refrigerator magnets; slide projectors; photographic slide transparencies; photographic video cameras and lenses there for; radios; safety goggles; telephones; telescopes; electronic calendars, namely, handheld personal electronic devices for scheduling appointments. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100.

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D SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods.	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: toys and sporting goods, namely, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, golf balls, cross bows, tennis racket strings and [badminton] shuttlecocks, toy airplanes, hobby craft kits [for building toy airplanes,] toy building structures, and toy bicycles [not intended for riding,] pool cues, pool tables, darts, billiard balls, [billiard] cue cases, [billiard] cue racks, billiard gloves, fishing rods, hockey sticks, hockey pucks, ping pong paddles, ping pong balls. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 002. US 006 011 016. G & S: mordants for use in the area of construction; varnish; colorants for use in the manufacture of paint; colorants for use in the manufacture of cosmetics; corrosion inhibiting paint coatings for commercial marine use; house paint; exterior paint; interior paint; paint primers; paint for use in the manufacture of furniture; paint for artists; paint for concrete floors; paint for industrial equipment and machinery; paint for model airplanes, model cars and the like; wood preservatives; rust preservatives in the nature of a coating; natural resins for use in the manufacture of adhesives; shellac and lacquer for use as a surface coating; metals in foil and powder for painters, decorators, printers and artists. FIRST USE: 19860100 FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100
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	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/9/98)
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	Serial No.	75242655	75228010

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E A – TRADEMAF	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	Igloo Products Corp.	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (10/3/03)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (1/21/03)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (1/11/06)
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	Reg. Number (Date of (Reg):::	2371075 (7/25/00)	2603567 (8/6/02)	2847148 (6/1/04)	2859897 (7/6/04)	1381612 (2/04/86)	1382504 (2/11/86)
	Serial No.	75787559	76053720	76215378	78114518	73551893	73552023

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19810400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810400	IC 025. US 039. G & S. CLOTHINGNAMELY, MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOYS AND GIRLS', PANTS, SHIRTS, SHORTS, LEGWARMERS, BRAS, PANTIES, SOCKS, HOSIERY, JACKETS, COATS, DRESSES, BATHING SUITS, WARM-UP SUITS, T-SHIRTS, BLOUSES, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, HATS, HEADBANDS, LINGERIE, BODY SUITS AND SHOES. FIRST USE: 19810310. FIRST USE: IOMAMERCE: 19810310.	IC 012. US 019. G & S: BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND BOATS. FIRST USE: 19820100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820100	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTING GOODS, NAMELY, RACQUETS FOR TENNIS, SQUASH AND BADMINTON, GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, BASKETBALLS, BASEBALLS, SOCCER BALLS; CROSS BOWS; TENNIS RACQUET STRINGS, SPORTS BALLS AND SHUTTLECOCKS. FIRST USE: 19880400. FIRST USE: 10080400.	IC 028. US 022. G & S: SPORTS RACQUETS, NAMELY TENNIS RACQUETS, RACQUETS, SQUASH RACQUETS, BADMINTON RACQUETS; GOLF CLUBS, GOLF BALLS, TENNIS BALLS, SPORTS BALLS, NAMELY RASKETRALLS
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E A – TRADEMAF	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG CO. (9/1/97)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (9/1/97)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (9/1/97)
SCHEDUL	Word Mark		WHITE LINE FEVER	STEALTH	TRILLIUM	PHALANX
	Reg. Number (Date of		1389167 (4/8/86)	1434642 (3/31/87)	1553032 (8/22/89)	1564755 (11/7/89)
	Serial No.		73552025	73618743	73776184	73771240

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EDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 002. US 006 011 016. G & S: MICROWAVE ABSORBING AUTOMOBILE PAINT. FIRST USE: 19920526. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19920526	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: fishing tackle floats (bobbers). FIRST USE: 19920710. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19920710	IC 012. US 019 035. G & S: automotive tires. FIRST USE: 19931221. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19931221	IC 028. US 022. G & S: pool cue, pool tables, darts, billiard balls, cue cases, cue rack; billiard gloves. FIRST USE: 19861117. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19861117	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: computer hardware and computer utility software and operating manuals. FIRST USE: 19930101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19930101	IC 016. US 038. G & S: comic book. FIRST USE: 19930702. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19930910	IC 021. US 002 013 023 029 030 033 040 050. G & S: lawn sprinklers. FIRST USE: 19950125. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19950125	IC 006. US 002 012 013 014 023 025 050. G & S: metal alloys for use in sporting goods and transportation and window locks. FIRST USE: 19880400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880400
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E A - TRADEMAE	Current Owner. (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (10/1/01)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (2/04/02	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (4/7/98)
SCHEDUL	Word Mark	STEALTH	STEALTH	STEALTH	STEALTH	STEALTH TECHNOLOGY	STEALTH SQUAD	THE STEALTH	STEALTH
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)	1717010 (9/15/92)	1766806 (4/20/93)	1846182 (7/19/94)	1867087 (12/13/94)	1947145 (1/9/96)	2007348 (6/15/96)	2024889 (12/24/94)	2025156 (12/24/96)
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Glass Goods	USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 006. US 002 012 013 014 023 025 050. G & S: metal goods, namely, metal alloys for use in sporting goods and transportation and window locks. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S. motorcycles, bicycles, boats, tires. FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19880100	IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: financial planning; investment management; insurance consultation. FIRST USE: 19861000, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19861000	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Entertainment in the nature of a series of television and radio programs about science fiction; Entertainment, namely, live performances by a musical vocal group; Amusement video arcades; Organizing and conducting exhibition sporting events for tennis and golf; Amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; Entertainment in the nature of competitions in the field of aerobatics; Educational services, namely, providing workshops, lectures, courses and group instruction in trademark licensing. FIRST USE: 19870600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870600	IC 012. US 019 021 023 031 035 044. G & S: Motorcycles, bicycles, boats and tires. FIRST USE: 19870600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870600
KS AN	Glass		9	12	36	41	12
E A – TRADEMAF	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG. CO. (9/1/97)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (3/23/98)	CEWIRAL MFG CO (10/30/01)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	CENTRAL MFG. CO.
SCHEDUI	Word Mark		STAR LITE	AIR FRAME	STEALTH	TRIANA	TRIANA
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)		2126933 (1/6/98)	2128940 (1/13/98)	2227069 (3/2/99)	2264631	2264642 (7/27/97)
	Serial No.		75180414	75228505	75206799	75469776	75470988

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Entertainment in the nature of a series of television and radio programs about science fiction; Entertainment, namely, live performances by a musical vocal group; Amusement video arcades; Organizing and conducting exhibition sporting events for tennis and golf; Amusement park services in the nature of children's bouncing ride; Entertainment in the nature of competitions in the field of aerobatics; Educational services, namely, providing workshops, lectures, courses and group instruction in trademark licensing. FIRST USE: 19870600.	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S: tie fasteners. FIRST USE: 19981031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19981031	IC 014. US 002 027 028 050. G & S: tie fasteners. FIRST USE: 19981031. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19981031	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: toys and sporting goods, namely, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, billiard balls, golf balls, footballs, cross bows, tennis racket strings, Badminton shuttlecocks, pool cue, pool tables, darts, pool cue cases, pool cue rack, billiard gloves, toy airplanes, toy BB guns, roller skates, hobby craft kits comprised of parts for assembly of toy airplanes and space craft, board games, toy building structures, toy bicycles, action figures, fishing rods, fishing reels, fishing line bobbers. FIRST USE: 19870600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870600
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E A – TRADEMAR	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	CENTRAL MFG CO (11/28/01)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (3/30/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.
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	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)/	2266783 (8/3/99)	2272891 (8/24/99)	2273229 (8/31/99)	2287397
	Serial No.	75469775	75338586	75143090	75469777

SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Prerecorded Audiocassettes, prerecorded audio tapes, audio discs, and phonograph records all featuring science fiction stories; Video discs, motion picture films, and prerecorded videotapes, all featuring animated works about science fiction subjects, binoculars, calculators, blank audio cassettes; blank video cassettes; blank computer discs; air tanks for use in scuba diving; computer disc drivers; computer monitors, computer fax modem cards; electric irons; electronic flying insect light traps, electronic garage door locks; eyeglasses and sunglasses; electronic metal locks; electric laundry irons; computers; computer goods, namely, printers, disc drives, keyboards, and floppy disk storage cases; computer software for use in database management; motion picture films in the nature of science fiction; laser printers; life jackets; lifebelts; life nets; decorative refrigerator magnets; slide projectors; photographic slide transparencies; photographic video cameras and lenses therefor; radios; safety goggles; telephones; telescopes; electronic calendars, namely, handheld personal electronic devices for scheduling appointments. FIRST USE: 19870600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870600	IC 040. US 100 103 106. G & S: manufacture and assembly of firearms to the order and the specification of others. FIRST USE: 19950801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:
NKS A	Class	6	40
E A – TRADEMAI	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)
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	Reg. Number (Date of	2320324 (2/22/00)	2325053 (3/7/00)
	Serial No.	75469860	74735867

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	19950800	IC 040. US 100 103 106. G & S: manufacture and assembly of firearms to the order and the specification of others. FIRST USE: 19950801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19950800	IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S: leather wallets, leather handbags, and leather attache cases. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100	IC 008. US 023 028 044. G & S: Pocket Knives; Non-Electric Can Openers; Cutlery, Namely, Forks, Knives, and Spoons; Nail Clippers; Tweezers; Scissors; and Eyelash Curlers. FIRST USE: 19810600. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810600	IC 008. US 023 028 044. G & S: specialized hand tools for use in the fabrication and assembly of prosthetic limbs and prosthetic limb components; namely, thermoplastic tooling, thermoset tooling and foam extraction tooling. FIRST USE: 19971210. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19971210 IC 010. US 026 039 044. G & S: prosthetic limb components; namely, shuttle locks, pyramids, pyramid receivers, sach foot adaptors, pylons, tube clamps, suction seals, adaptor plates, attachment plates, prosthetic knee systems, prosthetic knee chassis, and prosthetic feet. FIRST USE: 19971229. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19971229
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E A – TRADEMAR	Gurrent Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	CENTRAL MFG CO (11/9/01)
SCHEDUL	Word Mark		STEALTH 9MM SHADOW	STEALTH	STEALTH	STEALTH
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)		2325054 (3/7/00)	2330467 (3/1/00)	2403775 (11/14/00)	2433330 (3/6/01)
	Serial No.	;	74735868	75000280	75755602	75885658

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75203741	2439735 (4/3/01)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: radios and speakers for automobiles, stereo speaker boxes, tape recorders, tape players and portable stereos. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100
75019143	2478742 (8/21/01)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: computer application software for creating databases, blank video film and video tapes, safety goggles, radios, photographic and video cameras. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100
75932731	2497857 (10/16/01)	STEALTH SPRAY	CENTRAL MFG CO (8/14/01)	78	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: hunters' scent camouflage. FIRST USE: 19990201. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19990201
75932736	2497858 (10/16/01)	STEALTH SOAP	CENTRAL MFG CO (8/14/01)	28	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: hunters' scent camouflage. FIRST USE: 19990201. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19990201
75010278	2505698 (11/13/08)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG CO (11/9/01; 9/23/03)	1	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & S: motion activated electric lighting fixtures. FIRST USE: 19950715. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19950715
74734680	2523745 (1/1/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	. 56	and fasteners for use in connection with backpacks, tote bags, sporting goods and foul weather gear and apparel and other similar articles. FIRST USE: 19960825. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19960825.
74726073	2551385 (3/26/02)	STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: electric locks for garage doors. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100

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Serial No.	Reg. Number (Date of Regimes	Word Mark	Current Owner. (Date of Assign)	Class Goods
75157566	2576910 (6/11/02)	DARK STAR	CENTRAL MFG. 11 CO. (7/27/98)	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & fixtures; refrigerators; refrigerated shi refrigerated merchandise display cases beverage dispensing units; ventilating use; ventilating fans for industrial use; oven ventilator hoods; charcoal burnir FIRST USE: 19880100. FIRST USE 19880100
75499347	2627054 (10/01/02)	TRIANA	CENTRAL MFG. 25	
				198/0100, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19870100

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76236749	2737991 (7/15/03)	STEALTH	Braid, Dennis	28	belts and harnesses; fishing belts, namely, back support belts and harnesses; fishing pole support harness; fishing belts, namely, back support namely, back support belts for support of fishing poles with gimbal or uni-butt receiver; fishing belts, namely, back support belts for use on deep sea fishing vessels; fishing belts, namely, back support belts with quick release hook and loop shoulder straps; fishing belts, namely, adjustable shape back support belts. FIRST USE: 20030215. FIRST
76379296	2744536 (7/29/03)	STEALTH DUST	EBSCO Industries, Inc.	28	USE IN COMMERCE: 20030215 IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: Hunters' scent camouflage and neutralizer. FIRST USE: 20030101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20030101
78103723	2761682 (9/09/03)	STEALTHPOD	International Electronics San Diego, Inc.	6	IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: CAMERA TRIPODS. FIRST USE: 20010700. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20010700
76470920	2784049 (11/18/03	STEALTHLITERACY	Big Guy Books, Inc.	16	IC 016. US 002 005 022 023 029 037 038 050. G & S: Series of Children's Books. FIRST USE: 20021001. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20021010

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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	IC 035. US 100 101 102. G. S.: Association services, namely, promoting the interests of medical professionals; career placement; arranging and conducting business conferences, accounting services; administration of cultural and educational exchange programs; advertising agencies, namely, promoting the services of medical professionals, investigations, creating corporate logos for others, creating corporate and brand identity; agencies for advertising time and space; business appraisals, consultation, information management for medical professionals, management and consultation, marketing and direct mail consulting services, meeting planning, networking, organizational consultation, planning, providing computer databases featuring trade information regarding medical professions, commercial information in the field of medical professions, computer services; computerized database management, on-line retail services in the field of general merchandise, word processing; conducting business and market research surveys, employee incentive award programs to promote employee performance, marketing studies, trade shows in the field of medicine and general merchandise; copyright management consultation; data processing services; demographic consultation; direct marketing advertising for others; displaying advertisements for others; dissemination of
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E A – TRADEMAR	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	CENTRAL MFG.
SCHEDAL	Word Mark	TRAVEL NURSE
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)	2847015
	Serial No.	76534200

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SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	advertising for others via the Internet, dissemination of	advertising matter; doctor referrals; document reproduction; electronic billhoard advertising electronic catalog services	featuring general merchandise, electronic retailing services	via computer featuring general merchandise; employee	relations information services, relocation and information,	counseling and recruiting; employment verification;	executive search and placement services; health care cost	review; hospital management; mail order catalog services	featuring general merchandise; mailing list preparation;	management assistance, management of health care clinics	for others; market analysis, research, research services;	medical cost management, referrals. modeling for	advertising or sales promotion; news clipping services; on-	line ordering services featuring general merchandise, on-	line posting of rewards for information, on-line retail store	services featuring general merchandise; operating on-line	marketplaces for sellers of goods and/or services;	organizing and conducting job fairs; personnel management	consultation, placement and recruitment, relocation;	preparing advertisements for others, preparing and placing	advertisements for others, preparing mailing lists; providing	a web site at which users can offers goods for sale,	providing a web site which features advertisements for the	goods, providing a web site whereby buyers of goods or	services locate and receive quotations from multiple
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SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	competitive sources and sellers of goods or services identify and bid on multiple news sales opportunities, providing business marketing information, providing career information via the Internet, providing information about the goods and services of others via the Internet.	trade information; rating of accommodations; referrals in the field of medical professionals; rental of advertising space. FIRST USE: 19890000. FIRST USE IN	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & S: portable electric air power blower for use in drying pets. FIRST USE: 20030814. FIRST USE: IN COMMERCE: 20030814.	IC 003. US 001 004 006 050 051 052. G & S: Perfume. FIRST USE: 20021201. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20021201	IC 007. US 013 019 021 023 031 034 035. G & S: mechanized solar-powered wildlife feeders	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & S: flashlights, pen lights, electric lamps, floor fans, wall fans, desk fans, portable fans. FIRST USE: 19850100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850100	IC 011. US 013 021 023 031 034. G & S: HOUSEHOLD AIR CLEANERS WITH IONIZER, DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL AIR PURIFIERS, AIR CONDITIONERS. FIRST USE: 19860100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860100		
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Current Owner (Date of Assign)			CENTRAL MFG CO. (6/1/05)	CENTRAL MFG CO. (4/4/06)	Stealth Blinds, LLC	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)	CENTRAL MFG. CO.		
	WordMark			STEALTH	24 KARAT	STEALTH FEEDERS	STEALTH	STEALTH		
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)			3026260 (12/13/05)	3051961 (1/31/06)					
	Serial No			76625764	76233194	78427432	75016560	76071233		

SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	AUTOMOBILES AND STRUCTIONAL PARTS THEREFOR. FIRST USE: 19920801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19920801	 			(ABANDONED) IC 028. US 022. G & S: TENNIS RACKETS. FIRST USE: 19820901. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19820901	IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: Billiard Balls, cross bows, pool cue, pool tables, billard gloves, toy airplanes, toy bb guns, roller skates, hobby craft kits comprised of parts for assembly of toy airplanes, space craft, board
RKS,	C.	12	12	16	25	28	28
LE A – TRADEMA	Current Owner (Date of Assign)	STEALTH MOTORSPORTS, L.L.C.	SUPERSPROX, a.s.	CENTRAL MFG. CO. (8/13/98)		STOLLER, LEO D. SENTRA SPORTING GOODS USA CO.	CENTRAL MFG. CO.
SCHEDUJ	Word Mark	STEALTH	STEALTH	STEALTH	HAVOC	SENTRASONY	TERMINATOR
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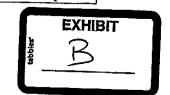
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SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	games, toy building structures, toy bicycles, action figures, fishing rods, fishing reels, fishing line bobbers, decoys for hunting. FIRST USE: 19860115. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19860115	IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Special event planning, training services in the field of trademark law, litigation and trademark licensing; amusement arcades, amusement parks featuring annusement rides and attractions, animal training, arranging and conducting education conferences, arranging ticket reservations for athletic competitions, shows and other entertainment events, educational testing, modeling for artists, motion picture theatres, movie studios, multimedia entertainment software for production services; music production services; news analysis and features distribution; news reporting services; officiating at sports contests; organizing community sporting and cultural events; photography services, physical fitness consultation, planetariums, portrait photography; preparing subtitles for movies and live theatrical events; production and distribution radio, television commercials and motion pictures, providing a computer game that may be accessed network wide by network users, providing continuing legal education courses and fitness and exercise facilities; providing information on-line relating to	computer games and computer enhancements for games,			
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E A – TRADEMAR	Current Owner (Date of Assign)		CENTRAL MFG.				
SCHEDULE	Word Mark		STEALTH				
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SERVICE MARKS	Class Goods	providing news in the nature of current events reporting and information in the field of employment training; providing recognition and incentives by the way of awards to	demonstrate excellence in the fields of law, medicine, sports, computer hardware, accounting, nursing and secretaries: publication of iournals: rental of artwork rental	of computer game programs, rental of films, rental of golf equipment, rental of photographic equipment, rental of video games and rolling skating rinks	IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Computer software development, computer software development, and computer programming for others, all in the field of digital encryption and decryption; computer consultation in the field of Internet cyber security. FIRST USE: 20030707.	Licensing of intellectual property.	Licensing of intellectual property
UKS ANI	Class				42		
SCHEDULE A – TRADEMARKS AND SERVICE MARKS	Current Owner (Date of Assign)				Blickensderfer, Laura L.		
	Word Mark				NET-STEALTH	CENTRAL MFG. CO.	EMARK
	Reg. Number (Date of Reg)						
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Stealth Industries, Inc., S Industries, Inc., and Leo Stoller		Footwear	
Rentamark.com and Central Mfg. Co.	Bard Wyers Sports, Inc. and Impact Products, Inc.	Bicycle Carrier Models, Present and in the Future, including, but not limited to Hitch Carrier Designs, etc.	
Leo Stoller and S Industries, Inc.	Victor Stanzel Co.	Jet Toy Airplanes	
Rent-A-Mark	Raven Golf	Putters and Component Golf Clubs	
S Industries, Inc.	Great American Tool Company, Inc.	Cutlery and Cutlery Related Accessories Including Without Limitation, Knives and Knife Cleaning, Sharpening and Maintenance Devices	
Rent-A-Mark	TALICOR	Interactive Computer Game	
Stealth, Stealth Industries, Inc., S Industries, Inc., Central Mfg. Co., and all other elated companies either owned or operated by Leo Stoller	Northrop Grumman Corporation	Paper Goods and Printed Matter, Namely, Non-Fiction Books, Posters, Lecture Pointers, Playing Cards, Book Covers, Binders, Paper Party Decorations, Envelopes, Greeting Cards, Paper Napkins, Paper Pads, Pencils, Pens, Postcards, Stationery, Writing Tablets and Gift Wrapping Paper; Toys and Sporting Goods, Namely, Airplane Models and Assembly Kits Therefore, Balloons, Beach Balls, Inflatable Ride-On Toys, Board Games, Pinball Machines, Poker Playing Chips, Playing Chips for Video Game Machines, Video Game Machines, Bathtub Toys and Play Wading Pools; Clothing, Namely, T- Shirts, Caps, Sweat Shirts, Sweat Pants, Sweat Suits, Jerseys, Blouses, Pants, Visors, Jackets, Tank Tops, Bathing Suits, Coats, Hats, Kerchiefs, Neck Ties, Polo Shirts, Scarves, Ski Wear, Suspenders and Sweaters	
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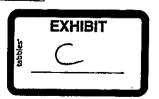
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S Industries, Inc.	Fit Bearings d/b/a Stealth Precision Speed Products d/b/a Stealth Products d/b/a Stealth Precision Products	In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Bearings, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Wheels, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Axles and Axle Kits, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Lubrication, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Tools, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Carrying Sacks, In-Line Roller-Skate and Skateboard Grind Plates, In-Line and Skateboard Helmets, and Related Shirts and Hats
S Industries, Inc.	NAAN Irrigation Systems	Sprinkler Irrigation Products
S Industries, Inc.	Mitsubisha International Inc.	Golf Clubs, Golf Bags, Golf Carts, Golf Shoes, Golf Gloves, Golf Apparel, and Golf Balls
S Industries, Inc.	Wonderwand Inc. and Tom Olmstead	Tennis Rackets and Thermal Racket Covers
S Industries, Inc.	National Molding Corporation	Plastic Buckles and Fasteners for Use in Connection with Backpacks, Tote Bags, Sporting Goods and Foul Weather Gear and Apparel and Other Similar Articles
S Industries, Inc.	Stealth Hunter, Inc.	Tree Stands and Safety Harnesses for Deer Hunting
S Industries, Inc.	HHA Sports, Inc., Beaver Dam Outfitters, GAT Guns, Little John's Archery and Altra Products, Inc.	Archery Sights
S Industries, Inc.	Heritage Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufacture and Assembly of Firearms to the order and

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Rentamark.com	Stealth Corporation	Construction Services and Consulting
Rentamark.com	Stealth Networking	Computers, Computer Sales and Related Services
Rentamark.com	Stealth Demolition, LLC	Demolition Services
S Industries, Inc.	Charles S. Hayes	Microwave Absorbing Automobile Paint
S Industries, Inc.	Netti Export Corporate Pty Ltd., Netti North America, Kemco Group Ltd., Raleigh USA Bicycle Co., Avitar Sports International, Island Cycle Supply Company, CTEL, and THE HAWLEY COMPANY, Inc.	Bicycle Helmets
S Industries, Inc.	Philip C. Lane d/b/a Petra Comics	Comic Books
Leo Stoller d/b/a Sentra Sporting Goods, USA and S Industries, Inc.	STR Industries Illinois	Bicycles and Boats
Rentamark.com, and Central Mfg. Co.	Igloo Products Corp.	insulated food transport and dispensing containers sold in the food service industry
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Rentamark.com d/b/a Central Mfg. Co.	Conservation Technology, LLC	Track Lighting
Rentamark.com	Charles M. Gyenes d/b/a HI-Q- Antennas	manufacturing the Stealth II series HF Mobile Antennas
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Stealth Industries, Inc.	Cabela's Inc.	boats, fishing rods, clothing, archery and footwear
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Rentamark.com	American Orthodontics	Orthodontic brackets, arch wires, lingual holding arches and hooks	
Rentamark.com	Lucifer Lighting Company	Interior and Exterior Lighting Fixtures Excluding Security Lighting	
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Rentamark.com	Big Guy Books, Inc.	Series of Children's Books	
Rentamark.com	Tony Smith dba Stealth Racing	Racing Cars, Racing Car Services, Carburetors, Carbureter Repair Services, Car Parts, T-Shirts and Hats	
Rentamark.com	Marathon Equipment Company	Baling Machines For Use in Material Recycling and Waste Material Disposal	
Rentamark.com	Jas. D. Easton, Inc. and Easton Sports, Inc.	Hockey Sticks, Ice Hockey Skates, Hockey Shafts, Hockey Blades, Baseball Bats and Softball Bats	
Rentamark.com	International Electronics San Diego, Inc.	Camera Tripods	
Rentamark.com	Scott Vestal d/b/a Scott Vestal's 5 String Banjos	Musical Instruments, Namely, Banjos	

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Rentamark.com	Eric Cone	Mobile Disc Jockey Services		
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91157012	Hyperstealth Biotechnology Corp.	HYPERSTEALTH	
91157434	Purina Mills, Llc	STEALTH	
91158263	Stealth, Ltd.	STEALTH LTD.	
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91161651	Roux Laboratories, Inc.	AIRFRAME	
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91170274	Target Brands, Inc.	(Target design mark)
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91170710	Stealth Dump Trucks, Inc.	STEALTH DUMP
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91170819	Medtronic, Inc.	STEALTHLINK
91170820	John Edward Sweat	SENTRACARE
91170951	Two Guys Publications, Inc.	WHITE LINE FEVER
91170957	HEPA Corporation	STEALTH
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Subject:

RE: Notice of filing Appeal Brief and Criminal Charge

Attachments: Appeal Brief filed 8-20-07.pdf

Lance G. Johnson, Richard M. Fogel

This is to inform you that I have appealed the decision of Judge Schmetterer approving the sale of my assets to your 'sham' company. This is also to inform you that I have filed criminal charges against you, William Factor and Richard M. Fogel under 735 Ils 5/1-109 in relationship to your 'scheme' to defraud the bankruptcy court and the Patent and Trademark Office.

I have been informed that any transfer of my assets under these conditions by your or any member of your 'fraudulent' organization will lead to additional 'charges' be leveled against you. I have also informed the Patent and Trademark Office, Recordation department not to accept any assignments of the said marks. I have also informed the Deleware Corporate Division of you 'scheme' to defraud.

I have also filed attorney disciplinary complaints against you, Fogel with the OED, the DC Bar and ARDC regarding you 'scam'.

I reject your notice, you are not a new legitimate stock holder of any of my assets and I expect you to be criminally charged for your 'fraud'. Further there are third parties that are third parties that are asserting a majority interests in the marks and in the stock of the said corporations.

You had prior notice to Bidder that any the said third parties. If and when you attempt to transfer any assets to 'third' parties you can inform them that they will be sued.

You will be servied notice of suits at the addresses that you have given.

Leo Stoller

Subject: Termination of positions

Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 19:29:02 -0400

From: ljohnson@Roylance.com To: ldms4@hotmail.com CC: rfogel@shawgussis.com

As the new stock holder for Central Mfg. Inc., Stealth Industries Inc., Sentra Industries Inc., S Industries Inc., and USA Sports Co. Inc. this is to inform you that you are hereby immediately discharged from any and all positions,

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offices, and capacities in connection with each of these corporations.

Any specimens, documents, records, or other property that belongs to any of these corporations should be forwarded to the address below or delivered to Mr. Fogel, as trustee of your estate.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

) Chapter 7
In Re:) Hon, Jack B. Schmetterer
LEO STOLLER)
WRUPTCY COUNTY COUNTY WORK Debtor) Appeal from the U.S. Bankruptcy) Court for the Northern District,
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LEO STOLLER UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY OF ILLINOIS Debtor. AUG 1 0 2007 AUG 1 0 2007 AUG 1 0 2007 KENNETH S. GARDNER, CLERK) Case No. 05-B-64075
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOW COMES Leo Stoller and files its Notice of Appeal of the following orders dated August 7, 2007 and August 8, 2007, issued by the Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer.

- 1) Order from the bench on August 7, 2007 dismissing Stoller's cross-complaint and affirmative defenses in Adversary No. 07-007345;
- 2) Order from the bench on August 7, 2007 denying motion to re-open the auction to sell Stoller's assets;
- 3) Order dated August 7, 2007 denying Stoller's motion for leave to file Motion to Disqualify Bidder SPTA and Lance Johnson;
- 4) Order dated August 7, 2007 expunging Stoller's Motion to Disqualify filed on May 29, 2007;
- 5) Order dated August 7, 2007 dismissing Stoller's Memorandum in Support of SPTA's and Lance Johnson's Fraud on the Bankruptcy Court;
- 6) Order dated August 7, 2007 ordering the Clerk of the Court to accept no filings by Stoller in the Bankruptcy Court; and
- 7) Order dated August 8, 2007 approving sale of Debtor's assets.

This Court Has Jurisdiction Over Interlocutory Appeals and Final Orders

The general rule is that a court of appeals has jurisdiction over a bankruptcy appeal only if the bankruptcy court's original order and the district court's order reviewing the

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bankruptcy court's original order are both final. 28 U.S.C. sec. 158(d); In re Devlieg, Inc., 56 F.3d 32, 33 (7th Cir. 1995) (per curiam); In re Morse Elec. Co., 805 F.2d 262, 264 (7th Cir. 1986); 16 Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller, & Edward H. Cooper, Federal Rules and Procedure sec. 3926.2, at 273 (2d ed. 1996). In the bankruptcy context, however, finality does not require a final order concluding the entire bankruptcy proceeding; certain orders entered prior to the conclusion of the bankruptcy proceeding will be deemed final. In re Forty-Eight Insulations, Inc., 115F.3d 1294, 1298-99 (9th Cir. 1977); In re Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of White Farm Equip. Co., 943 F.2d 752, 754-755 (7th Cir. 1991). Where an order terminates a discrete dispute that, but for the bankruptcy, would be a standalone suit by or against the trustee, the order will be considered final and appealable. In re Szekely, 936 F.2d 897, 899-900 (7th Cir. 1991); [*9] Wright, Miller & Cooper, supra, sec. 3926.2 at 272-73.

Judge Schmetterer's decisions qualify as stand-alone suits. These orders should be considered final and appealable.

Date: August 10, 2007

This court has granted the Appellant leave to appeal in forma pauperis. See attached.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.0 Eastern Division

Leo Stoller v.	Plaintiff,	Case No.: 1:07-cv-04692 Honorable William J. Hibbler
	Defendant.	

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Monday, October 1, 2007:

MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: This case is dismissed without prejudice. All pending dates and motions are terminated. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice (jdh)

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Appellant's motion to reinstate [#4] is denied. Appellees presented valid objections to the motion and Appellant failed to respond in a timely manner. Appellant's motion for leave to file reply instanter [#20] is denied as untimely.

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DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis [28] is denied. The Court hereby certifies that this appeal is not taken in good faith.

■[For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

The Court is convinced that appellant's appeal presents no substantial question for review and that an appeal will be futile. The Court has the duty, therefore, to certify that the appeal is not taken in good faith. Davis v. U.S., 214 F.2d 594, 596 (7th Cir. 1954) (citing Higgins v. Steele, 195 F.2d 366, 369 (8th Cir. 1952)). "An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). Thus, the Court denies appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis.

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In Re:)	Case No: 07 C 4692
LEO STOLLER,)	Hon. William J. Hibbler
Appellant.)	Bankruptcy appeal from
)	Case No. 05 B 64075 Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Richard M. Fogel Janice Alwin

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the day of May, 2009, there was filed with the Clerk of the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, the attached 1) Notice of Appeal, 2) Designation of Content of Record on Appeal, and 3) Docketing Statement.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.2.2 Eastern Division

Leo Stoller

Plaintiff,

v. Case No.: 1:07-cv-04692

Honorable William J. Hibbler

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, April 30, 2009:

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United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	William J. Hibbler	Sitting Judge If Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	07 C 4692	DATE	5/8/09
CASE TITLE	In Re: LEO STOLLER		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis [28] is denied. The Court hereby certifies that this appeal is not taken in good faith.

■[For further details see text below.]

Docketing to mail notice.

STATEMENT

The Court is convinced that appellant's appeal presents no substantial question for review and that an appeal will be futile. The Court has the duty, therefore, to certify that the appeal is not taken in good faith. Davis v. U.S., 214 F.2d 594, 596 (7th Cir. 1954) (citing Higgins v. Steele, 195 F.2d 366, 369 (8th Cir. 1952)). "An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). Thus, the Court denies appellant's motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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CIRCUIT RULE 3(b) NOTICE

May 28, 2009

No.: 09-2385 IN RE: LEO D. STOLLER,
Debtor - Appellant

Originating Case Information:

District Court No: 1:07-cv-04692

Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

Court Reporter Alexandra Roth

Clerk/Agency Rep Michael W. Dobbins

District Judge William J. Hibbler

Circuit Rule 3(b) empowers the clerk to dismiss an appeal if the docket fee is not paid withing fourteen (14) days of the docketing of the appeal. This appeal was docketed on May 28, 2009. The District Court has indicated that as of May 28, 2009, the docket fee has not been paid. Depending on your situation, you should:

- 1. Pay the required \$450.00 docketing fee PLUS the \$5.00 notice of appeal filing fee to the District Court Clerk, if you have not already done so. The Court of Appeals cannot accept this fee. You should keep a copy of the receipt for your records.
- File a motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis with the District

 Court, if you have not already done so. An original and three (3) copies of that motion, with proof of service on your opponent, is required. This motion must be supported by a sworn affidavit in the form prescribed by Form 4 of the Appendix of Forms to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

(as amended 12/01/98), listing the assets and income of the appellant(s).

3. If the motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis is denied by the district court, you must either pay the required \$450.00 docketing fee PLUS the \$5.00 notice of appeal filing fee to the District Court Clerk, within fourteen (14) days after service of notice of the action to the district court, or within thirty (30) days of that date, renew your motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis with this court.

If the motion is renewed in this court, it must comply with the terms of *Fed.R.App.P.* 24(*a*).

If one of the above stated actions is not taken, the appeal will be dismissed.

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United States District Court Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.2.3 (Chicago) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:07-cv-04692

in re; Leo Stoller

Assigned to: Honorable William J. Hibbler

Case in other court: 09-02385

Cause: 28:0158 Notice of Appeal re Bankruptcy Matter (BAP)

Date Filed: 08/20/2007 Date Terminated: 10/01/2007

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 422 Bankruptcy Appeal (801)

Jurisdiction: Federal Ouestion

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text	
08/20/2007	1	APPEAL from U.S. Bankruptcy Court case number 05BK64075 consisting of Transmittal letter, Designation, Statement of Issues, Notice of Appeal and Certified Docket sheet. (1 vols.). (Judge Schmetterer) (gcy,) (Entered: 08/21/2007)	
08/20/2007	2	CIVIL Cover Sheet. (gcy,) (Entered: 08/22/2007)	
10/01/2007	3	MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: This case is dismissed without prejudice. All pending dates and motions are terminated. Civil case terminated. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 10/01/2007)	
11/14/2008	4	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reinstate; Notice (gcy,) (Entered: 01/06/2009)	
01/13/2009	<u>5</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing set for 1/29/2009 at 10:00 AM. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 01/13/2009)	
01/28/2009	<u>6</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: On the Court's own motion, the time for the status hearing is reset to 11:30 AM on 1/29/2009. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 01/28/2009)	

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01/29/2009	7	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing held and continued to 4/23/09 at 10:00 a.m. Appellees to file 10 page objections to Stoller's motion to reinstate by 2/19/09. Stoller to file response by 3/19/09. Appellees to reply by 04/02/09. Ruling by mail. (gcy,) (Entered: 01/30/2009)	
02/18/2009	8	OBJECTIONS by William T Neary to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reopen case 4 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Exhibit E, # 6 Exhibit F, # 7 Exhibit G, # 8 Exhibit H)(Wolfe, Stephen) (Entered: 02/18/2009)	
02/19/2009	9	RESPONSE by Richard M Fogelin Opposition to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to reopen case 4 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A)(Alwin, Janice) (Entered: 02/19/2009)	
02/19/2009	<u>10</u>	OBJECTIONS of Pure Fishing, Inc. to Debtor's Motions to Reinstate Appeals (Factor, William) (Entered: 02/19/2009)	
02/20/2009	11	ATTORNEY Appearance for Trustee Richard M Fogel by Brian L. Shaw (Shaw, Brian) (Entered: 02/20/2009)	
03/18/2009	<u>12</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for extension of time (gcy,) (Entered: 03/19/2009)	
03/18/2009	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of plaintiff's motion for extension of time 12 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 3/23/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 03/19/2009)	
03/23/2009	14	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant Stoller's Motion for extension of time 12 is granted. Stoller's responses to Appellees objection to be filed by 4/9/2009. Appellees' replies due by 4/22/2009. Ruling by mail.Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 03/23/2009)	
04/06/2009	<u>15</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller to stay the Court's decision on the U.S. Trustee's objection to Debtor's motion to reinstate pending the Seventh Circuit decision on related appeal no. 08-4240. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/06/2009)	
04/06/2009	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of Leo Stoller's motion to stay <u>15</u> before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 4/13/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/06/2009)	
04/08/2009	<u>17</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion to stay this Court's decision on the U.S. Trustee's objection to appellant's motion to reinstate pending the Seventh Circuit's ruling will have no effect on motions pending before this court. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 04/09/2009)	
04/10/2009	<u>18</u>	WITHDRAWING <i>William J. Factor</i> as counsel for Creditor Pure Fishing, Inc. and substituting Sara E. Lorber as counsel of record (Lorber, Sara) (Entered: 04/10/2009)	
04/14/2009	<u>19</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: William J. Factor is given leave to withdraw as counsel for Pure Fishing, Inc.Mailed notice (mjc,) (Entered: 04/15/2009)	
04/22/2009	<u>20</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to file reply instanter. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)	
04/22/2009	21	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of pro se motion for leave to file reply instanter 20 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 4/27/2009 at 09:30 a.m. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)	
04/22/2009	22	REPLY to United States Trustee's objection to appellant's motion to reinstate by Leo Stoller (gcy,) (Entered: 04/23/2009)	
04/23/2009	23	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Status hearing held on 4/23/2009. Appellant does not appear. No notice (jdh) (Entered: 04/24/2009)	
04/24/2009	24	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's motion to reinstate [#4]	

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		is denied. Appellees presented valid objections to the motion and Appellant failed to respond in a timely manner. Appellant's for leave to file reply instanter [#20] is denied as untimely. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 04/27/2009)	
04/29/2009	<u>25</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for reconsideration and/or Rule 60, Relief from Judgment or order by Plaintiff Leo Stoller. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/30/2009)	
04/29/2009	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of Pro Se's motion for reconsideration, and/or Rule 60, Relief from Judgment or order 25 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 5/4/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 04/30/2009)	
04/30/2009	27	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion for reconsideration and/or relief from judgment or order <u>25</u> is denied. Mailed notice (jdh) (Entered: 05/01/2009)	
05/06/2009	<u>28</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to appeal in forma pauperis. (Poor Quality Original - Paper Document on File). (gcy,) (Entered: 05/07/2009)	
05/06/2009	29	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 5/11/2009 at 09:30 AM. (gcy,) (Entered: 05/07/2009)	
05/08/2009	30	RESPONSE by Richard M Fogelin Opposition to MOTION by Plaintiff Leo Stoller for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B)(Clisham, Patrick) (Entered: 05/08/2009)	
05/08/2009	31	MINUTE entry before the Honorable William J. Hibbler: Appellant's Motion for leave to appeal in forma pauperis 28 is denied. The Court hereby certifies that this appeal is not taken in good faith. [For further details see text below]. Mailed notices (gcy,) (Entered: 05/11/2009)	
05/22/2009	32	NOTICE of appeal by Leo Stoller regarding orders <u>31</u> . (Fee Due) (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)	
05/22/2009	33	DOCKETING Statement by Leo Stoller regarding notice of appeal 32. (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)	
05/22/2009	<u>34</u>	DESIGNATION of Content by Leo Stoller of record on appeal. (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)	
05/28/2009	<u>35</u>	NOTICE of Appeal Due letter sent to counsel of record. (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)	
05/28/2009	<u>36</u>	TRANSMITTED to the 7th Circuit the short record on notice of appeal 32. Notified counsel (gej,) (Entered: 05/28/2009)	
05/29/2009	<u>37</u>	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of receipt of short record on appeal regarding notice of appeal 32; USCA Case No. 09-2385.(rp,) (Entered: 06/01/2009)	
05/29/2009	<u>38</u>	CIRCUIT Rule 3(b) Notice.(rp,) (Entered: 06/01/2009)	
07/08/2009	<u>39</u>	NOTICE by Stephen G. Wolfe of Change of Address (Wolfe, Stephen) (Entered: 07/08/2009)	





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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CENTRAL MANUFACTURING)

COMPANY,)

Opposer,)

vs.) Opposition No. 91125818

BOARD OF THE REGENTS,)

THE UNIVERSITY OF)

TEXAS,)

Applicant.)

The deposition of LEO D. STOLLER, called for examination, taken pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure and the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois pertaining to the taking of depositions for the purpose of discovery, taken before WENDY M. STRICKLER, C.S.R. NO. 084-003257, a Certified Shorthand Reporter of said state, at 225 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the 2nd day of November, A.D., 2005, at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

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Page 14 Α. No, sir. 2 Are there files kept at 7622 West Belmont 0. 3 Avenue? Α. Yes. 5 And what's in those files? Ο. 6 Α. What's in those files, thousands and thousands of documents. Are there purchase orders? Q. Yes, purchase orders, invoices. Α. 10 ٥. Sales? 11 Α. Catalog sheets. 12 Q. Sales receipts? 13 Α. Sales receipts. Right. 14 Tax records? Q. All the records that involve the operation of 15 Α. the business are maintained there. 16 Payroll records would be there? 17 0. All my records are there in that location. 18 Α. You said at the present time Central has three 19 0. 20 part-time employees? 21 Α. Right. 22 Ο. Who are they? We have one. Her name is Angela. 23 Α. What's her last name? 24 0. I don't know her -- I mean, I have it on 25 Α.

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- record, but I don't know it offhand.
- 2 0. Who are the other -- excuse me. What does
- Angela do? What's her job?
- 4 They are secretaries. What she does is she is
- 5 engaged in clerical work in the office.
- 6 Would she be familiar with the documents kept 0.
- 7 by Central Manufacturing Company at 7622 West Belmont
- Avenue?
- I am the only one. I am the keeper of Α. No.
- 10 the records. Nobody else is familiar with the documents
- 11 other than their specific job.
- 12 But in her specific job, would not Angela --0.
- 13 Α. She would be familiar with those documents
- 14 that she works with.
- Which documents does she work with? 15 0.
- She is primarily responsible for sending out 16 Α.
- 17 cease and desist letters.
- 18 Does she have any role in connection with 0.
- 19 things like purchase orders, invoices?
- 20 Α. No.
- 21 Sales receipts? 0.
- 22 Α. No.
- 23 Tax records? Ο.
- 24 Α. No.
- All right. In addition to Angela, you said 25 Q.

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Page 16 there are two others. Who are the other two? 1 2 Α. One is Evy is her name. 3 0. E-v-y? Α. I don't know how to spell her last name, nor 5 to pronounce it, but her first name is Evy. She is of 6 Mexican or Puerto Rican descent. So I have no idea how 7 to pronounce her name. 8 Phonetically or spelling, what's her last name? 10 I don't want to speculate on that. 11 And what does Evy do? Ο. 12 She does licensing, transactional responsibilities, drafting trademark licenses, 13 14 royalties, reports. 15 Does she do these from scratch or does somebody dictate or give her forms to use? 16 17 What are you talking about? Α. You said she does trademark licenses. 18 ٥. 19 We have basic templates. Α. 20 0. Is Evy an attorney? 21 Α. No. Does she actually prepare the document or does 22 Q. she just -- does she just type it? 23 24 Α. Just types it. And the third person, who is that? 25 0.

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Page 17 1 Α. Her name is Tarn. 0. Excuse me? 3 Α. Tarn. Tarn? Q. Ά. T-a-r -- T-a-r-n, Tarn, T-a-r-n. б ο. What is her job? 7 She helps me with my primary responsibilities Α. 8 of litigating in this capacity at the Trademark Trial & Appeal Board. She does that type of work. 10 What's her last name? 0. 11 Α. I don't know. 12 What has Tarn done in this case that we are Q. 13 here today on, if anything? I would dictate to her pleadings and filings. 14 Α. You know, in other words, she does the clerical. 15 16 this case or like the motion for summary judgment that 17 we had. I would draft it or dictate it to her. 18 So she is also a secretary? 0. It takes a lot of secretaries to 19 Α. Right. 20 handle all this work. So all three of these part-time employees are 21 engaged in what I would refer to as the litigation or 22 23 policing side of your business? 24 Right. That's right. Α. 25 Is that correct? Ο.

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- 1 Α. That's correct, sir.
- 2 And you don't have any full-time or part-time 0.
- 3 employee who has any responsibility with respect to any
- 4 other aspect of your business?
- 5 Α. That's correct.
- 6 Is there any other aspect to your business? 0.
- 7 We are primarily a trademark licensing company Α.
- 8 and enforcement company.
- And when you say "we," you're talking about 9
- 10 Central Manufacturing?
- 11 Α. That's correct.
- Does Central Manufacturing actually 12 0.
- 13 manufacture anything?
- It did in the past. 14 Α.
- When was the last time it manufactured 15 0.
- 16 something?

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- In the '80s or -- in the '80s, early '90s. Α.
 - What was the last thing it manufactured? 0.
- 19 Sporting goods products. Α.
- 20 Specifically what? 0.
- 21 Tennis rackets. Α.
- Were those tennis rackets sold under a brand? 22 Ο.
- 23 Α. Yes.
- What was the brand? 24 0.
- 25 Stealth. Α.



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1	myself?				
2	MR. PIRKEY: If it's about something we				
3	covered here.				
4	MR. STOLLER: I will forego that.				
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

CENTRAL MFG. CO., STEALTH)
INDUSTRIES, INC., and LEO STOLLER)
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Plaintiffs,)
) No. 04 C 3049
٧.)
GEORGE BRETT & BRETT BROTHERS) HONORABLE DAVID H. COAR
SPORTS INTERNATIONAL, INC.)
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Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Before this Court are the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment on Plaintiffs' claims of trademark violation, request for preliminary and permanent injunctions against Defendant, 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Lanham Act violations, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a), and Illinois Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/1 et seq. For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment is denied; and Defendant's motion for summary judgment is granted. This Court hereby cancels Plaintiffs' '249 Registration.

I. BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Leo Stoller and his stable of corporate entities are no strangers to the legal system and are particularly familiar with the courts in this district. Indeed, as several judges (including this one) have previously noted, Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation. See, e.g., S Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 49 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1071 (N.D. III. 1998) (Castillo, J.) (Stoller spawned

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"litigation lacking in merit and approaching harassment"); S Indus., Inc. v. Hobbico, 940 F. Supp. 210, 211 (N.D. Ill. 1996) (Shadur, J.) (Stoller "appears to have entered into a new industry-that of instituting federal litigation"). Unlike a public corporation, which would be accountable to its shareholders, Stoller's corporate entities appear impervious to Stoller's repeated losses in federal courts in this district and beyond. A search of the court filing system discloses that Plaintiff and one or more of his corporate entities have been involved in at least 49 cases in this district alone. Of these, at least 47 purport to involve trademark infringement. At least 13 of these cases have been reported in online legal databases such as LEXIS and Westlaw. No court has ever found infringement of any trademark allegedly held by Stoller or his related companies in any reported opinion. In fact, courts in this district have ordered Stoller or his corporate entities to pay defendants' attorneys' fees and costs in at least six reported cases. S Indus., Inc. v. Ecolab Inc., 1999 WL 162785 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 16, 1999) (Gottschall, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d 796, 798-99, 819-20 (N.D. III. 1998) (Castillo, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Centra 2000, Inc., 1998 WL 157067 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 31, 1998) (Lindberg, J.). aff'd by 249 F.3d 625, 627-29 (7th Cir. 2001); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 991 F. Supp. 1012 (N.D. III, 1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys. Inc., 17 F. Supp. 2d 775 (N.D. III. 1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14470 (N.D. III. Sept. 10, 1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Kimberly-Clark Corp., 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9567, at *3-*4 (N.D. III. July 1, 1996) (Shadur, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F. Supp. 210, 212 (N.D. Ill. 1996) (Shadur, J.). The present case bears all the hallmarks of a typical Leo Stoller trademark infringement suit.

¹ See Appendix I at the end of this opinion.

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Stoller's trademark infringement lawsuits typically arise in the following way. An entity markets a product that bears some version of the name "Stealth" or has a description pertaining to "stealth"-like qualities. Plaintiffs send what Stoller deems a cease-and-desist letter to the alleged infringer, along with an offer to "license" the "Stealth" mark. If the alleged infringer refuses to agree to Plaintiffs' license demands or to cease using "Stealth," then Plaintiffs bring a trademark infringement suit.

The sheer number of cases Plaintiffs have filed in this district raise serious questions about Plaintiffs' and Plaintiffs' counsel's good faith. In fact, several courts in this district have noted explicitly that Plaintiffs deal in meritless claims and bad faith litigation. See, e.g, Stone Age Equip., 12 F. Supp. at 798.

Defendants

Plaintiffs' present dispute is with Brett Bros. Sports International, Inc. and George Brett (collectively "Brett Bros."). Brett Bros. is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Spokane, Washington. George Brett, a 1999 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, has been president of the corporation since June 2001. Since 1997, Brett Bros.² has been manufacturing and selling baseballs, baseball bats, baseball gloves, and other baseball related

² Brett Bros. was started in April 1997 as Tridiamond Sports, Inc., by Joe Sample and several other individuals. Tridiamond began manufacturing and selling three models of wooden baseball bats, the Mirador, the Stealth, and the Bomber. Tridiamond formed a relationship with former Major League baseball player and Baseball Hall of Fame inductee George Brett, and his brothers Ken, John, and Robert Brett, all of whom have played baseball professionally. The Brett brothers purchased a 50% interest in Tridiamond, after which the company changed its name to Brett Brothers Bat Company. Subsequently, in recognition of the fact that company had expanded to a full line of baseball-related products and had customers around the world, the company changed its name again, to Brett Brothers Sports International, Inc. George Brett is currently the president of Brett Bros., and Joe Sample and Robert Brett are the vice-presidents.

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accessories throughout North America and overseas. Specifically, Brett Bros. manufactures and sells eight different models of wooden baseball bats that are used from Little League Baseball to Major League Baseball and at all levels in between. One of the Brett Bros. most popular bat models is the Stealth baseball bat. Both the Little League Baseball Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association have recognized the Brett Bros.' Stealth bat as approved equipment. Brett Bros. currently sells its bats, including the Stealth model bat, through retail outlets and directly to consumers over the internet. Brett Bros. registered the domain name http://www.brettbats.com on May 14, 1999, and hosts a website at that domain to advertise and sell its baseball related products, including the Stealth bat. (Def.'s L.R. 56.1(a), Ex. D).

Brett Bros.' first documented sale of its Stealth bat occurred on July 13, 1999, when it sold twelve Stealth bats to Tim Nolan of Pro-Cut in Rockford, Illinois. (Def.'s L.R. 56.1(a), Ex. D; Ex. H). Since 1999, Brett Bros. asserts that it has sold over 25,000 Stealth bats to vendors, distributors, the NCAA, educational institutions, and private individuals through its website, and phone, fax, tradeshow, and third-party sales. (Def.'s L.R. 56.1(a), Ex. D).

Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Central Manufacturing, Inc. (which also does business as Central Manufacturing Co.) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois. Plaintiff Stealth Industries, Inc. is also a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Chicago. Plaintiff Leo D. Stoller is the president and sole shareholder of both Central Manufacturing and Stealth Industries, in addition to several other corporate entities including S Industries, Inc., and Sentra Manufacturing. Central is also the owner of Rentamark.com, a service mark used as a licensing agency through which Plaintiffs enter licensing agreements with

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third-party entities or corporations for use of their marks on a wide array of products. Plaintiffs assert that Central Manufacturing Company has become the registrant and/or assignee of "33 federally registered Stealth or Stealth formative marks." (Pls.' Summ. J. Br., at 2.) In their summary judgment brief, Plaintiffs contend that "Plaintiffs' use of the mark STEALTH as a trade name, 'house' mark, and service mark began in 1981 and has continued until the present." (Pls.' Summ. J. Br., at 6.) In addition, they provide 51 alleged licensing or settlement agreements between one of Leo Stoller's companies and a third-party for use of the word "Stealth" on products ranging from hand tools to make prosthetic limbs to construction consulting services to track lighting.

Present Dispute

In their Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs assert that they are "engaged in the business of marketing, promoting, licensing and selling in interstate commerce a broad range of goods...." (Am. Compl., ¶ 7). In addition, Plaintiffs allege that they have been using the word "Stealth" as a trade name and trademark to identify their products and businesses continuously since at least 1982. (Am. Compl. ¶ 8). On October 5, 2004, pursuant to Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Brett Bros. issued document production requests to Plaintiffs, requiring them to produce "any and all documents showing the volume of sales for goods (including, but not limited to baseball bats, baseballs, or any other sports equipment) bearing Plaintiffs' alleged mark 'Stealth'." Plaintiffs failed to respond. On January 4, 2005, this Court entered an order requiring Plaintiffs to comply with all outstanding discovery requests by January 25, 2005. Plaintiffs again failed to comply and did not produce any documents by the deadline. Plaintiff Leo Stoller appeared for his deposition on February 8, 2005, and stated that he possessed

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invoices for baseball bats, but failed to produce any of those documents then or subsequently. Instead, he produced a softball and a piece of paper he alleged was an advertising flyer for a "Stealth baseball." (Stoller Dep., at 34-35). Stoller testified at his deposition that he has sold baseball bats to Montgomery Wards, Venture, Lucky Jemco, Zayre's, Ames, Service Merchandise, Best Products, Sports Mart, Brown's Sporting Goods, Walmart and Sears stores. Further, he stated that he has invoices for baseball bats from these alleged customers, but did not produce them at his deposition or at any other time. In addition, he alleged he has purchase orders from other customers for "Stealth" baseball bats; he has not produced those purchase orders either at any point in this litigation.

On February 11, 2005, Stoller provided Brett Bros.' counsel with documents he characterized as "sales records," purporting to show that Plaintiffs actually sold baseball bats bearing the mark Stealth. The documents included a "Stealth Brand Baseball Sales" document, consisting of a listing of yearly "sales" figures with no itemization or breakdown; a "Sales Quote Sheet" addressed to Best Products and dated January 15, 1988; a "Sales Quote Sheet" addressed to Venture Stores and dated February 11, 1991; a "Sales Quote Sheet" addressed to F.W. Woolworth and dated January 10, 1994; and a "Sales Quote Sheet" addressed to Montgomery Wards and dated December 3, 1997. These alleged records do not reflect any actual sales of any products, nor any orders for any products. In his deposition, Stoller testified that he "[didn't] know the exact quantity of sales to each [customer]" and that he didn't "know the dollar figure" of any sales. He could not remember when he allegedly sold bats, but testified that he sold approximately \$10,000 worth of bats, a figure "that comes from [his] memory." (Stoller Dep., at 197-99, 211-13).

On February 23, 2005, at a document inspection, Stoller produced a printout of a spreadsheet which he claimed showed sales some of Plaintiffs' Stealth-branded products between 1988 and 2003. Stoller contends that the spreadsheet does not reflect the sales of its alleged licensees' "Stealth" products during that time period. The sales spreadsheet shows that baseball bats were not included in the list of sporting goods bearing the mark "Stealth" and purportedly sold by Plaintiffs during the period from 1988 to 2003.

Plaintiffs' Trademark Registrations

On August 29, 1984, Stoller, then doing business as Sentra Sporting Goods U.S.A. Co., filed Registration No. 1,332,378 ("the '378 Registration") with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "US PTO") for "Sporting goods, specifically, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, golf balls, cross bows, tennis racket strings and shuttle cocks." The '378 Registration does not include baseball bats. On February 9, 2001, Plaintiff Central Manufacturing filed Registration No. 2,892,249 ("the '249 Registration") with the US PTO for "Baseball, softball, T-ball bats." The '249 Registration lists a first use date of the Stealth mark for baseball bats as January 3, 2001.

Alleged License Agreement With Easton

In their Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs contend that they licensed the '378 Registration to Jas. D. Easton, a wholesaler of sporting equipment, including baseball-related equipment.

Plaintiffs produced what they allege is a "Stealth Trademark License Agreement" ("the Easton Agreement"), entered into by RENTAMARK.COM, as the licensor, and Jas. D. Easton, as the licensee, on June 3, 2003. Stoller contends that RENTAMARK.COM is a service mark.

Registration No. 2,371,075, owned by Central Mfg. Co.³ Neither RENTAMARK.COM nor Jas. D. Easton is a Plaintiff in this action. Furthermore, none of the named Plaintiffs in the instant case were included as parties to the Easton Agreement. Stoller, however, maintains that Central Mfg. Co., as the alleged owner of the service mark Rentamark.com, was a party to the Easton Agreement, but has failed to produce evidence that supports his characterization of the relationship between Central Mfg. and Rentamark.com.

Plaintiffs state that they learned of Defendants' allegedly infringing use of the Stealth mark on baseball bats in early 2004 and brought the instant suit. Presently before this Court are both Plaintiffs' and Defendants' motions for summary judgment.

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

Summary judgment is proper "if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." FED.R.CIV.P. 56(c); Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242 (1986); Lucas v. Chicago Transit Auth., 367 F.3d 714, 720 (7th Cir. 2004). A genuine issue of material fact exists for trial when, in viewing the record and all reasonable inference drawn from it in a light most favorable to the non-movant, a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the non-movant. Anderson, 477 U.S. at 248. The movant bears the burden of establishing that there is no genuine issue of material fact remaining in dispute. Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986); Hedberg v. Indiana Bell Tel. Co., 47 F.3d 928, 931 (7th Cir. 1995). If the movant meets this burden, the

³ Plaintiffs included a declaration by Leo Stoller in their responsive L.R. 56.1(b) materials, to which a copy of the Rentamark.com registration was allegedly attached. No such attachment was included with the materials filed before this Court.

non-movant then must set forth specific facts that demonstrate the existence of a genuine issue for trial. FED.R.CIV.P. 56(e); *Celotex*, 477 U.S. at 324. Rule 56(c) mandates the entry of summary judgment against a party "who fails to make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party's case, and in which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial." *Celotex*, 477 U.S. at 322. A mere scintilla of evidence in support of the non-movant's position is not sufficient to defeat a summary judgment motion. Rather, the non-movant must provide evidence that would enable a reasonable jury to find in favor of the non-movant. *Anderson*, 477 U.S. at 250.

On cross-motions for summary judgment, the traditional standards for summary judgment apply and each movant must individually satisfy the Rule 56 requirements. *Blum v.*Fisher and Fisher, Attys at Law, 961 F. Supp. 1218, 1222 (N.D. Ill. 1997). Thus the Court will consider the merits of each cross-motion separately and draw all reasonable inferences and resolve all factual uncertainties in favor of the non-movant.

Before analyzing any of the arguments, this Court must remind the parties that statements of fact are exactly what the name suggests: statements of *fact*, not argument. Throughout their Local Rule 56.1 filings of "fact," both parties engage in extensive and highly improper legal argument. Although strongly tempted to strike all the pleadings and order the parties to submit filings that accord with the rules and the local rules of this District, this Court, in its discretion, will simply disregard all the inappropriate legal arguments raised in the statements of fact. *See Malec v. Sanford*, 191 F.R.D. 581 (N.D. Ill. 2000) (setting forth clearly and concisely the pleading requirements under Rule 56 and Local Rule 56.1).

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III. ANALYSIS

A. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment

Defendants move for summary judgment because they allege that Plaintiffs⁴ cannot produce evidence to support their claim that they have senior user trademark rights in the world "Stealth" on baseballs or baseball bats. Even if Plaintiffs do have a trademark on "Stealth" for baseball goods, Defendants contend that Plaintiffs abandoned the mark with no intent to resume use or, if this Court does not find the mark abandoned, that there is no likelihood of confusion between Plaintiffs' usage and Defendants' products. Finally, Defendants seek cancellation of Plaintiffs' '249 Registration on the ground that Brett Bros. undisputedly had prior use of the mark "Stealth" for baseball bats.

1. Federal Trademark Claims

In a trademark infringement action, "the plaintiff must demonstrate: (1) the validity of its trademark; and (2) the infringement of that mark." *Platinum Home Mortgage Corp. v. Platinum Fin'l Group, Inc.*, 149 F.3d 722, 726 (7th Cir. 1998).

a. Validity of Plaintiff's Trademark

A trademark registration "is admissible into evidence to establish registrant's rights on a prima facie basis but ... an opposing party may prove any legal or equitable defense ... which might have been asserted if the mark had not been registered." *Union Carbide Corp. v. Ever-Ready, Inc.*, 531 F.2d 366, 378 (7th Cir. 1976). Defendant Brett Bros. claims that Plaintiffs do

⁴ This Court notes that Plaintiffs provide only a conclusory statement of standing for each named Plaintiff. With respect to plaintiff Stealth Industries, Inc., standing is not clearly established. For the purposes of these summary judgment motions only, this Court will assume that the three plaintiffs have standing. This Court makes no finding as to standing at this time, however.

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not own the mark "Stealth" for baseball goods because Plaintiffs cannot show actual use of the mark in connection with an established, presently existing, and ongoing business. Zazú Designs v. L'Oréal, S.A., 979 F.2d 499, 503 (7th Cir. 1992) ("By insisting that firms use marks to obtain rights in them, the law prevents entrepreneurs from resreving brand names in order to make their rivals' marketing more costly.") Defendants point to Plaintiffs' unsupported assertions or unauthenticated evidence of small amounts of sales, the lack of invoices or receipts that would evidence business transactions to demonstrate that Plaintiffs do not own "Stealth" for baseball bats or baseballs. See S Indus., Inc. v. JL Audio, Inc., 29 F. Supp. 2d 878, 887 (N.D. III. 1998). Plaintiffs, by contrast, offer a copy of an Easton Sports catalog, which it contends demonstrates that its alleged licensee was active in the baseball market. In addition, Plaintiffs provide "Sales Quote Sheets" dating from 1988, 1991, 1994, and 1997. Finally, Plaintiffs provide a baseball and an alleged advertising flyer. The law, however, is clear that "mere advertising and documentary use of a notation apart from the goods do not constitute technical trademark use." *Powermatics*. Inc. v. Globe Roofing Prods. Co., 341 F.2d 127, 130 (C.C.P.A. 1965); see also Avakoff v. S. Pac. Co., 765 F.2d 1097, 1098 (Fed. Cir. 1985). Other than testimonial evidence, Plaintiffs have failed entirely to provide admissible evidence that they offered "Stealth" baseball items in the market at any time. Plaintiffs produced a table of "Stealth Brand Baseball Sales" between 1996 and 2003, but could provide absolutely no information to justify the lump sum "sales" figures listed. There is no way for this Court to know that this alleged sales sheet bears any relation to reality and is not simply something Plaintiffs generated on a home computer for the purposes of this litigation. This spreadsheet is conclusory and, in any event, makes no attempt to itemize sales by product description or type. Without documentation to show to whom the alleged sales

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were made or whether the goods involved were in fact "Stealth" brand, it is not valid evidence. The alleged "Sales Quote Sheets" Plaintiffs claim they provided to various corporations between 1988 and 1997 are likewise inadmissible. They purport to be a list of various Stealth products with corresponding prices. There is absolutely no evidence that these products ever existed except as lines on a piece of promotional paper or that any of these corporations ordered even one item from Plaintiffs. Moreover, these "Sales Quote Sheets" fail to rise above "mere advertising of a product" and are insufficient to establish continuous use. *Avakoff*, 765 F.2d at 1098. In short, Plaintiffs have failed completely to support their claim that they actually used the "Stealth" mark in connection with an established, presently existing, and ongoing business prior to Brett Bros. use of the word "Stealth" on baseball bats in 1999. This Court therefore finds that Plaintiffs do not own the mark "Stealth" for baseballs or baseball bats.

2. Trademark Abandonment

Defendants allege that even if Plaintiffs once owned "Stealth" for use with baseball related goods, they abandoned the mark after two decades of non-use with no intent to resume use of the mark for any legitimate commercial purpose. Under the Lanham Act, a mark will be deemed abandoned when its use is discontinued with an intent not to resume use. 15 U.S.C. § 1127. When not explicitly stated, the intent not to resume use can be inferred from the circumstances of the case. Specifically, three consecutive years of nonuse serves as prima facie evidence of abandonment. 15 U.S.C. § 1127. The statutory language clarifies that "use' of a mark means the bona fide use of such mark made in the ordinary course of trade, and not made merely to reserve a right in a mark." *Id.* Under the Lanham Act, Plaintiffs would have to be able to show that they did not discontinue use of the mark for three or more consecutive years.

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Plaintiffs fail utterly in this regard. In fact, Plaintiffs did not produce any invoices, purchase orders, cancelled checks, bank statements, or any other indicia of a commercial transaction involving the sale of even one "Stealth" baseball-related product.⁵

At his deposition, Plaintiff Leo D. Stoller testified that he had sold baseball bats to at least three retailers⁶ and had purchase orders reflecting those sales. He could not remember the quantity of bats sold, the dollar amount of the sales, or when the sales occurred, but stated that he sold about \$10,000 worth of bats between 1989 and 2003. He did not produce the alleged purchase orders at any time in this litigation.⁷ After his deposition, Stoller produced four "Sales Quote Sheets" which purport to show "quotes" for various "Stealth" products to Best, Venture, Woolworth, and Montgomery Ward for approximately \$900 each. But as previously noted, "quotes" do not suffice as evidence of sales or "bona fide use of [a] mark made in the ordinary course of trade." 15 U.S.C. § 1127. Moreover, these quote sheets contradict Stoller's deposition

⁵ Plaintiffs contend that Defendants' failure to oppose Plaintiffs' prior similar registrations of the word "Stealth" for other purposes—a practice of dubious validity in itself—means that Plaintiff should prevail even if Defendants establish abandonment. Plaintiffs attempt to base this argument on *Morehouse Manufacturing Corp. v. J. Strickland & Co.*, 407 F.2d 881 (C.C.P.A. 1969). The prior registration or *Morehouse* defense is inapplicable here, as Defendants note, because it is an equitable defense "to the effect that if the opposer can not be further injured because there already exists an injurious registration, [then] the opposer can not object to an additional registration that does not add to the injury." *O-M Bread, Inc. v. U.S. Olympic Comm.*, 65 F.3d 933, 938 (Fed. Cir. 1995). Here, Plaintiffs do not seek to register a mark nor Defendants to oppose a registration. Instead, Defendants seek to demonstrate that Plaintiffs have abandoned.

⁶ The retailers Stoller identified were Montgomery Wards, Venture, and Best Products, all of which have subsequently ceased operations.

⁷ The failure to produce documents comes as little surprise. In his deposition testimony, Stoller recounted that when he has no set practice for handling purchase orders or invoices. Sometimes he generates them, sometimes he does not. Stoller also testified that he had no record maintenance policy. He stated that he maintained records in banker boxes in his office but did not know how many years' worth of records he had. Stoller Dep. at 174-79.

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testimony. The quoted amounts only amount to \$3,321.60 worth of bat sales, instead of the \$10,000 claimed in Stoller's deposition. Plaintiffs' quote sheets also reflect \$376.49 in baseball sales between 1988 and 2003, but the "baseball sales sheets" claim \$101,489 worth of "Stealth" baseball sales in the same time period. Finally, the "baseball sales sheet" makes absolutely no mention of baseball *bat* sales. In fact, given the near total dearth of documentary evidence supporting Plaintiffs' contentions of mark usage, it is far more reasonable to find that Plaintiffs' actions amount to, at best, an attempt "merely to reserve a right in the mark" for baseless, harassing litigation such as this. This Court finds that Plaintiffs abandoned the "Stealth" mark with respect to baseballs before Defendants began to use it on baseball bats in 1999.

3. Likelihood of Confusion

Defendants assert that even if Plaintiffs own a "Stealth" mark for use with baseball bats, there is no likelihood of confusion between Defendants' products and Plaintiffs' products. Thus, Defendants contend that judgment should be entered in their favor.

B. Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment

1. Trademark Infringement

Plaintiffs assert that because they registered the '378 Registration⁸ on April 23, 1985, and re-registered it on March 18, 1993, they have priority of use of the mark "Stealth" for sporting goods, including baseballs and baseball bats. Specifically, Plaintiffs contend they are the senior user of the mark for all baseball related products. Further, Plaintiffs claim that "nine of the 33 STEALTH trademarks [Stoller] owns cover sporting goods products that closely relate to

⁸ The '378 Registration encompasses "sporting goods, specifically, tennis rackets, golf clubs, tennis balls, basketballs, baseballs, soccer balls, golf balls, cross bows, tennis racket strings and shuttlecocks."

Defendants' use of STEALTH with baseball bats." (Pls.' Summ. J. br., at 7). Plaintiffs filed an application for a trademark on baseball bats on February 9, 2001, providing a date of first use of January 3, 2001. The US PTO granted that application as the '249 Registration, which Plaintiffs registered on October 12, 2004, well after Plaintiffs filed the instant case. The Lanham Act permits the registration of trademarks and the enforcement of registered marks. 15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq. To show infringement, Plaintiffs must show that they (1) registered a trademark; (2) which Defendants used in commerce without Plaintiffs' consent; and (3) which created a likelihood of confusion as a result. See S Indus., Inc. v. GMI Holdings, Inc., 1998 WL 67627, * 3 (N.D. Ill. Jan. 30, 1998).

It is undisputed that Plaintiffs acquired a registration for the use of the word "Stealth" with respect to baseballs in 1985 through the '378 Registration. It is equally clear that Plaintiffs did not acquire a registration for the use of the word "Stealth" with respect to baseball *bats* until October 2004. In addition, Plaintiffs have registered the word "Stealth" for use with a virtual cornucopia of unrelated items, including microwave absorbing automobile paint, lawn sprinklers, window locks, automotive tires, comic books, leather wallets and handbags, hunters' scent camouflage, and orthodontic devices. (Pls.' Summ. J. Br., at 1; Ex. CL1.)

This Court cannot find that Defendants' use of the word "Stealth" with respect to baseball bats violates section 1114 of the Lanham Act. 15 U.S.C. § 1114. Defendants began selling bats through their website in 1999. Plaintiffs did not register the "Stealth" mark for use on baseball bats until October 2004, after more than four years had elapsed. Thus, Defendants' use of "Stealth" on its baseball bats in 1999 could not infringe Plaintiffs' mark under § 1114.

Plaintiffs contend that baseball bats are so "closely related" to baseballs that Defendants' use of the word "Stealth" on bats infringes Plaintiffs' mark for baseballs. "Modern trademark law prohibits use of a senior user's mark not only on products that are in direct competition with those of the senior use but also on products that are considered 'closely related' to the senior user's." Sands, Taylor & Wood Co. v. Quaker Oats Co., 978 F.2d 947, 958 (7th Cir. 1992), cert. denied, 507 U.S. 1042 (1993). A "closely related" product is one which could "reasonably be thought by the buying public" to come from the same source or an affiliated source with the owner of the trademark. Id. Plaintiffs assert that baseballs and baseball bats are closely related under this definition. The problem with Plaintiffs' argument is that it assumes that they are the senior user for baseballs. This Court finds otherwise.

In addition, Plaintiffs have provided no evidence that the public believes that the Defendants' products are manufactured by or otherwise affiliated with the Plaintiffs. The only evidence Plaintiffs offer is unsupported testimony by Leo D. Stoller, president of Central Manufacturing Co., that he has received queries from unidentified members of the public who thought Defendants' baseball products were affiliated with Plaintiffs. As with previous Stoller lawsuits, Plaintiffs provide no documentary evidence to support these assertions or even to demonstrate that such queries took place. *See S Indus., Inc. v. GMI Holdings, Inc.*, No. 96 C 2232, 1998 WL 67627, at * 4 (N.D. III. Jan. 30, 1998). Plaintiffs fail to produce any sworn testimony from consumers confused about the origin of Defendants' baseball products. Defendants, by contrast, produced sworn statements from several people with longstanding involvement in the sport of baseball as coaches, former players, trainers, and baseball goods

representatives, all of whom state that they had never heard of Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' alleged products. (Nolan Decl., Hostetler Decl., Brett Decl.; Rice Decl.)

Ownership of a trademark is not based solely on registration. Goods also must be used in commerce, meaning that the mark must be affixed to goods, containers, or documents associated with the good, and when the goods are sold or transported in commerce. 15 U.S.C. § 1127. None of Plaintiffs "evidence" establishes that any goods were actually sold or transported in commerce. In fact, it is unclear whether Plaintiffs make any products. It is not clear whether the baseball featured in Plaintiffs flyer is even for sale by Plaintiffs or whether any baseballs were ever sold.

2. False Designation of Origin and Unfair Competition

Plaintiffs also allege that Defendants violated Section 1125(a) of the Lanham Act by using the "Stealth" mark in false designation of their origin. 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a). Section 1125(a) sweeps more broadly than § 1114, which applies only to registered marks. Under Section 1125(a), Plaintiffs who believe that another person's use of the same mark will cause a likelihood of confusion about the origin of the good may bring a civil action against that person. 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1). To prevail, Plaintiffs must show that they have (1) prior ownership rights in the mark; and (2) that Defendants' use of the mark creates a likelihood of confusion, deception or mistake. *Dunn v. Gull*, 990 F.2d 348, 351 (7th Cir. 1993).

a. Ownership Rights

A party acquires a protectable right in a trademark only through the use of that mark in connection with its product. Zazú Designs v. L'Oréal S.A., 979 F.2d 499, 503 (7th Cir. 1992). The law insists "that firms use marks to obtain rights in them," thereby preventing "entrepreneurs" or

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scam artists "from reserving brand names in order to make their rivals' marketing more costly." Zazú Designs, 979 F.2d at 503 (citing Blue Bell, Inc. v. Farah Mfg. Co., 508 F.2d 1260, 1264-65 (5th Cir. 1975)). Plaintiffs supply a copy of the 2004/2005 Easton Sports catalog to show that they—or their licensee—used the mark in commerce. The only date on the catalog, however, is 2004-2005, which is after Defendants admit they began selling Stealth baseball bats. In addition, the Easton catalog is not admissible for multiple reasons, not the least of which are that there is no evidence showing that it was ever sent out to potential customers or that it ever resulted in the sales of even a single bat. Marketing and promotional materials alone are insufficient to constitute trademark use. Powermatics, Inc., 341 F.2d at 130. Plaintiffs also provide an advertising flyer for a STEALTH baseball. This flyer likewise fails to support Plaintiffs' contentions. The flyer provides information on how to contact Plaintiffs for licensing opportunities but does not list sales information like price. The flyer is dated 2003, well after Defendants began selling their products. Like the Easton catalog, the flyer completely lacks any indication about how many baseballs were sold or, indeed, if any were sold at all. Although registration, coupled with slight sales, establishes an exclusive right in the mark against junior users, S Indus., Inc. v. Space Age Technologies, 1999 WL 495484, at *5 (N.D. III. June 30, 1999) (citing Zazú Designs, 979 F.2d at 503), Plaintiffs have provided absolutely no credible evidence of baseball product sales to establish their exclusive right in the Stealth mark for baseballs, much less for baseball bats. Thus, Plaintiffs cannot rely on their trademark registrations to establish ownership of the mark with respect to baseball related products.

At the common law, "use" means sales to members of the public of a product with the mark in question affixed or attached. Zazú Designs, 979 F.2d at 503. Plaintiffs provide a flyer

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that purports to advertise a Stealth baseball. The flyer indicates how an interested customer could contact Plaintiffs to obtain additional information. There is nothing on the flyer to indicate how to obtain the product or where to see the entire product line (if any); rather the flyer tells consumers how they can learn about Stealth licensing opportunities if they use the contact information. Plaintiffs claim they began selling baseball related products "since at least as early as 1981," (Pls,' Summ, J. Br., at 1.) Yet Plaintiffs provide no documentary evidence of their use of the mark in commerce at any time. Instead, they provide a list of 33 alleged Stealth federal trademark registrations and an assertion that "Plaintiffs' use of the mark STEALTH as a trade name, 'house' mark, and service mark began in 1981 and has continued until the present." (Pls.' Summ, J. Br., at 6.) In addition, they provide 51 alleged licensing or settlement agreements between one of Leo Stoller's companies and a third-party for use of the word "Stealth" on products ranging from hand tools to make prosthetic limbs to construction consulting services to track lighting. Only one of these licensing agreements deals with baseball related products; it purports to be a licensing agreement between Rentamark.com and Jas. D. Easton, Inc. for use of "Stealth" on hockey sticks, hockey shafts, hockey blades, baseball bats, and softball bats, dated May 28, 2003. In support of their motion for summary judgment, Plaintiffs fail utterly to provide any evidence of sales of baseball bats or of any other product. Minimal marketing targeted at a small audience is insufficient to "link the [] mark with [the] product in the minds of consumers" or to put other producers on notice of the mark, Id. Plaintiffs' flyer does not provide any information about what makes their baseball unique or why a consumer should associate it with Central Manufacturing Co. In fact, Central Manufacturing is not even mentioned on the flyer.

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3. Likelihood of Confusion

To prevail on a claim of trademark infringement, Plaintiffs must demonstrate a likelihood, not merely a possibility of confusion. *August Storck K.G. v. Nabisco, Inc.*, 59 F.3d 616, 619 (7th Cir. 1995). The Seventh Circuit uses a seven-factor test for analyzing likelihood of confusion: (1) similarity between the marks; (2) similarity of the products; (3) the area and manner of concurrent use; (4) the degree of care likely to be exercised by consumers; (5) the strength of the plaintiff's mark; (6) actual confusion, if any; and (7) the defendant's intent to "palm-off" its product as originating from or being affiliated with plaintiff. *Rust Env't & Infrastructure, Inc. v. Teunissen*, 131 F.3d 1210, 1216 (7th Cir. 1997). No single factor is dispositive.

Plaintiffs urge this Court to grant summary judgment in their favor because the '378 Registration, which does not include baseball bats, is a "strong" mark and is sufficiently related to baseball bats to cause a likelihood of confusion. Defendants contend that Plaintiffs have produced no evidence of continuous and bona fide use of the "Stealth" mark prior to Defendants' use or any facts that support the likelihood of confusion argument. But the law does not go so far. "[A firm's] right to use [a mark] only extends as far as the goods noted in the registration." *S Indus., Inc. v. GMI, Inc.*, 1998 WL 67627, at *3 (N.D. III. Jan. 30, 1998) (citing *Quill Nat'l Spring Water, Ltd. v. Quill Corp.*, 1994 WL 559237, at *2 (N.D. III. Oct. 7, 1994). Plaintiffs allege three different types of confusion: source confusion; sponsorship confusion; and reverse confusion.9

⁹ As in previous cases involving Stoller, the reverse confusion and sponsorship confusion claims appear as conclusory statements in Plaintiffs' pleadings and lack any support. They merit no discussion apart from the likelihood of confusion analysis relating to source confusion. See S

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"Because a trademark is an identifier rather than a property 'right,' the use of a competitor's mark that does not cause confusion as to source is permissible." *Knaack Mfg Co. v. Rally Accessories, Inc.*, 955 F. Supp. 991, 999 (N.D. III. Mar. 3, 1997) (citing *Libman Co. v. Vining Indus., Inc.*, 69 F.3d 1360, 1362 (7th Cir. 1995)). Although likelihood of confusion is normally a question of fact, it is appropriate to dispose of it at the summary judgment stage if no reasonable fact finder could find in favor of Plaintiffs. *Door Sys., Inc. v. Pro-Line Door Sys., Inc.*, 83 F.3d 169, 173 (7th Cir. 1996); *see also S Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc.*, 12 F. Supp. 2d 796, 813 (N.D. III. 1998).

a. Similarity of Marks

Similarity of marks is determined by looking at similarity in sound, appearance, meaning, and connotation between the name in question and the trademark. *Knaack Mfg. Co.*, 955 F. Supp. at 1000. Here, both parties undisputedly use the mark "Stealth." Thus, sound similarity is met. With respect to appearance, Plaintiffs provided a specimen of a "Stealth" bat sold by their alleged licensee, Easton Sports; Defendants provided printouts from their website with photographs of their "Stealth" bats. Based on this evidence, the marks appear different in several ways. The Easton product features "Easton" in large capital block letters on one side of the bat and "Stealth" in large capital block letters on the other side. The words appear in white, with black and gray outlines creating a shadow or three-dimensional effect. The design conveys equally the words "Easton" and "Stealth." By contrast, the Brett Bros. bat has "Brett" printed in large font on both sides of the bat; the "B" of "Brett" has three horizontal lines along its left side, just as the "B" in the company name on the website does. The word "Stealth" appears in

Indus., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d at 813 & n.28.

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significantly smaller letters and a different font. The emphasis is on the word "Brett," conveying that this is a Brett Bros. bat. In addition, George Brett's signature appears directly beneath the name "Stealth," furthering differentiating the mark from the Easton product. The marks also have different connotations. Brett Bros. sells not simply its baseball bats but also its association with George Brett, a Baseball Hall of Fame member. Easton, by contrast, simply uses the mark on a number of products like any one of several other model names, including baseball, t-ball, and softball bats, shoes, pads, mitts, and gloves. Brett Bros. uses it only on bats. These factors militate against finding likelihood of confusion. *See S Indus., Inc.*, 12 F. Supp. 2d at 814.

b. Similarity of Products and Area and Manner of Concurrent Use

Goods are related if consumers would use them in conjunction with each other. *Knaack*, 955 F. Supp. at 1000. The test for similarity of products asks "whether the products are the kind the public attributes to a single source." *Id.* (citation omitted). Courts examine competitiveness and relatedness in making this determination.

Unlike most of Plaintiffs' previous lawsuits, the products at issue in this case are competitive and related. As Plaintiffs note in their pleadings, baseballs and baseball bats are intimately related in the public mind. But closer examination reveals some key differences in the products. The Easton bat is a metal alloy, as are many of the Easton products. Defendants' bat, however, is wood. Moreover, Defendants' emphasize the fact that they make wood bats as a key factor in their success and a crucial element of their business strategy. Although the difference between a metal alloy bat and a wood bat might not be widely known to the general population, baseball players know the characteristics of each type. Furthermore, only wooden bats are used

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in Major League Baseball. On balance, the similarity of products analysis favors Plaintiffs only slightly, if at all.

The Court must also consider the area and manner of concurrent use. If the products are sold in the same place and next to one another, or in the same department, then there may be a likelihood of confusion. Packman v. Chicago Tribune Co., 267 F.3d 628, 646 (7th Cir. 2001). Defendants market their products directly to the consumer through their website; they also have a network of retailers in 48 states across the country who sell their products. Plaintiffs provided an excerpt from an Easton catalog, which contains no order form for direct purchase, but rather provides a list of "Easton Representatives" and their geographic sales areas. Plaintiffs produced no evidence of other sales avenues. The Defendants' website gives price information for their products; specifically, the Stealth bat retails for \$49 directly from Brett Bros. There is no information about the price of Plaintiffs' products before this Court. There is almost no likelihood that a customer purchasing a bat through the Brett Bros, website would think that he or she was purchasing a bat from Easton or from Plaintiffs. Knaack Mfg Co., 955 F. Supp. at 1001 ("Knaack has failed to prove that even one of its distributors carried any Rally car covers.... The clear inference from this proof is that there is no overlap in distribution, which also minimizes any possibility of confusion."). Plaintiffs provide no evidence that any retailer sells both parties' goods. Further, neither party has encountered the other in promoting and marketing their products at trade shows or through specialty publications. The evidence suggests that the parties use different venues for their marketing and publicity: Defendants attend specialty baseball trade shows and have retail relationships with sporting good and baseball supply retailers, whereas Plaintiffs simply refer in conclusory fashion to "trade shows." In sum, the

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evidence before this Court shows no overlapping distribution channels or evidence of direct competition between Plaintiffs and Defendants.

c. Degree of Care Exercised by Consumers

"[W]here consumers are sophisticated, deliberative buyers, confusion is less likely." *Rust Env't*, 131 F.3d at 1217. There are multiple baseball bats available to consumers. Defendants are well-known in the baseball equipment field. George Brett, as a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, was a highly-accomplished baseball player. Other baseball players are likely to accord his product significant deference. Defendants' "Stealth" bat has a suggested retail price of \$49, which is sufficiently costly that consumers will exercise care in making a purchase. *See Nike*, *Inc. v. Just Did It Enters.*, 6 F.3d 12225, 1230 (7th Cir. 1993). Plaintiffs fail to provide valid pricing information about their bats or about the price of the allegedly-licensed Easton bats.

d. Strength of Plaintiffs' Mark

Plaintiffs contend that they have a "strong" mark and that this should support a finding of likelihood of confusion. Trademark "strength" measures the likelihood that a consumer will view a mark as identifying the source of that good. *Knaack Mfg.*, 955 F. Supp. at 1001. "Only strong marks are entitled to protection against infringement by non-competing goods." *Telemed Corp.*v. *Tel-Med Inc.*, 588 F.2d 213, 219 (7th Cir. 1978). A strong mark has fame, uniqueness, and volume of usage that give it an edge in the marketplace. *Id.* Plaintiffs bear the burden of demonstrating the strength of their mark. *Knaack*, 955 F. Supp. at 1001. Plaintiffs contend that their mark is strong because it is arbitrary (as opposed to generic), available to be licensed on "virtually any product," and protected by Plaintiffs' "strong policing policy." (Pls.' Summ. J. Br., at 11.) Plaintiffs have used this argument in prior cases and courts have declined repeatedly

to find that Platiniffs' mark is strong. See, e.g., S Indus., Inc. v. JL Audio, Inc., 29 F. Supp. 2d 878 (N.D. III. 1998); S Indus., Inc. v. GMI Holdings, Inc., No. 96 C 2232, 1998 WL 67627 (N.D. III. Jan. 30, 1998). In the absence of credible evidence showing the strength of Plaintiffs' mark, this Court also finds that the mark is weak.

e. Actual Confusion

Although proof of actual confusion is not required to demonstrate likelihood of confusion, "courts often view evidence of actual confusion as the best evidence of actual confusion." *JL Audio, Inc.*, 29 F. Supp. 2d at 893 (citing *Union Carbide Corp. v. Ever-Ready Inc.*, 531 F.2d 366, 383 (7th Cir. 1976). *But see Nike*, 6 F.3d at 1231 (stating that "it is certainly proper for the trial judge to infer from the absence of actual confusion that there was also no likelihood of confusion"). "Isolated instances" of actual confusion "have been held insufficient to sustain a finding of likelihood of confusion." *Union Carbide*, 531 F.2d at 383. Plaintiffs do not provide evidence of any instances of actual confusion. This Court concludes that the alleged concurrent use of the mark by the parties since at least 1999 without any incidents of actual confusion strongly weighs against finding any likelihood of confusion. *Stone Age Equip., Inc.*, 12 F. Supp. 2d at 818.

f. Intent to "Palm-Off"

The intent to "palm off" is defined as "trying to get sales from a competitor by making consumers think that they are dealing with that competitor, when actually they are buying from the passer off." Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d at 819 (citation omitted); see also Sands, Taylor & Wood Co. v. Quaker Oats Co., 978 F.2d 947, 959 (7th Cir. 1992). There is no evidence

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that Defendants intended to "palm off" their baseball bats as those of Plaintiffs or their licensees.

To suggest otherwise is patently frivolous.

The application of the seven factor test for the likelihood of confusion weighs overwhelmingly in Defendants' favor. This is, therefore, a case in which "the evidence is so one-side that there can be no doubt about how the question should be answered." *Door Sys.*, 83 F.3d at 171. Because all of Plaintiffs' Lanham Act claims require a likelihood of confusion, this Court denies summary judgment to Plaintiffs. Summary judgment is granted to Defendants on all Lanham Act claims instead.

C. Illinois Law Deceptive Trade Practices Claim

Claims brought under the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/1 et seq., are resolved in the same manner as Lanham Act claims. D 56, Inc. v. Berry's Inc., 955 F. Supp. 908, 920 (N.D. Ill. 1997). To prevail, Plaintiffs would have to be able to show that they had a protectable mark and that Defendants' use thereof was likely to cause confusion.

Thompson v. Spring-Green Lawn Care Corp., 466 N.E.2d 1004, 1010 (Ill. App. Ct. 1984). For the reasons stated above, this Court denies summary judgment to Plaintiffs on Count III and grants summary judgment to Defendants.

D. Defendants Entitled to Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Under both the Lanham Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business

Practice Act, the court may award attorneys' fees to "prevailing parties." See 15 U.S.C. §

1117(a); 815 ILCS 505/10a(c); see also Tri-G, Inc. v. Burke, Bosselman and Weaver, 817 N.E.2d

1230, 1256-57 (Ill. 2004). Under the Lanham Act, the case must be "exceptional," while Illinois courts and the Seventh Circuit have construed the Illinois Consumer Act to allow fees when

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"special circumstances" exist. See Door Sys., Inc. v. Pro-Line Door Sys., 126 F.3d 1028, 1030-32 (7th Cir. 1997). Under *Door Systems*, a prevailing defendant must show that plaintiff's suit was "oppressive," meaning that it had elements of abuse of process, Id. at 1031-32. As an example, the Door Systems court stated that "a suit can be oppressive because of lack of merit and cost of defending even though the plaintiff honestly though mistakenly believes that he has a good case and is not trying merely to extract a settlement based on the suit's nuisance value." Id. at 1032 (citations omitted). The standard is "malicious, fradulent, deliberate or willful conduct." Id. at 1031 (internal quotations and citations omitted). Here, Plaintiffs' conduct clearly rises to the level of "oppressive." Plaintiffs offered irrelevant, questionable, and seemingly fantastical documents; inconsistent, uncorroborated, or arguably false testimony from Leo Stoller; and a cascade of so-called license or settlement agreements for unrelated products and unrelated marks. In fact, Plaintiffs failed to produce evidence that Plaintiffs or any of their related companies made a single Stealth baseball bat at any time. Further, the enormous range in license fees listed in the alleged license agreements (from \$10 to \$25,000) strongly suggests what several courts in this district have suspected: that Plaintiffs engage in a pattern and practice of harassing legitimate actors for the purpose of extracting a settlement amount. The judicial system is not to be used as a aid in such deliberate, malicious, and fradulent conduct.

In addition, Plaintiffs brought the instant suit before they acquired a federal trademark registration for baseball bats. In what can be at best described as artless and more likely as deliberately obfuscatory tactics, Plaintiffs repeatedly attempted to misdirect the court to federal marks or registrations not at issue in this case and so-called license agreements totally unrelated to Defendants' products. Quantity of filings in cases before this Court rarely equate to quality; it

is far more common that the reverse is true. Leo Stoller and his companies present paradigmatic examples of litigants in the business of bringing oppressive litigation designed to extract settlement. As such, this Court awards Defendants' attorneys' fees and defense costs under both the Lanham Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

E. Cancellation of Plaintiffs' '249 Trademark Registration

Courts have the authority to order the cancellation of a trademark registration when warranted pursuant to Section 37 of the Lanham Act. 15 U.S.C. § 1119 ("In any action involving a registered mark the court may ... order the cancelation (*sic*) of registrations...."). The net effect of Section 37 is to give federal courts concurrent power with the U.S. PTO to conduct cancellation proceedings. 5 McCarthy on Trademarks & Unfair Competition § 30:109 (4th ed. 2005) (collecting cases). The court may cancel a trademark in an action where the mark's validity is placed in issue. *See Dymo Indus., Inc. v. Tapeprinter, Inc.*, 326 F.2d 141 (9th Cir. 1964). Although parties are encouraged to act quickly to protect their valid rights, courts have permitted defendants in trademark infringement suits to seek cancellation despite their failure first to petition the U.S. PTO to cancel. *See, e.g., Informix Software, Inc. v. Oracle Corp.*, 927 F. Supp. 1283 (N.D. Cal. 1996).

Defendants argue that the '249 registration is ripe for cancellation because it is less than five years old, 15 U.S.C. § 1064(1), and because it "[c]onsists of or comprises a mark which so resembles ... a mark or trade name previously used in the United States by another and not abandoned, as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods of the applicant, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive." 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d). Here, it is undisputed that Brett Bros. has been using "Stealth" on its baseball bats for approximately six years, which

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predates any claimed use by Stoller or his predecessor-in-interest by two years. In addition, the '249 Registration claims "baseball, softball, and t-ball bats," which are identical to the goods Brett Bros. manufactures and sells under the mark. Plaintiffs, predictably, disagree vehemently with Defendants. In support of their registration, Plaintiffs raise the *Morehouse* equitable defense and argue, in disjointed fashion, that Defendants acquiesced to the '249 Registration by not opposing it before the U.S. PTO. But this misstates the law. *See Informix*, 927 F. Supp. 1283. Defendants' failure to oppose Plaintiffs' application for registration of "Stealth" mark for baseball bats does not preclude Defendants' from petitioning for cancellation of the '249 Registration. *See Keebler Co. v. Rovira Biscuit Corp.*, 624 F.2d 366 (1st Cir. 1980). This Court finds that Defendants have demonstrated sufficient likelihood of confusion to justify cancelling the '249 Registration.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, this Court DENIES Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment in

its entirety and GRANTS Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Defendants are ordered to

submit a petition for attorneys' fees and a bill of costs by October 31, 2005. Defendants' request that

this Court cancel Plaintiffs' Trademark Registration No. 2,892,249 is GRANTED. The Clerk shall

certify this order to the Commissioner for entry upon the records of the United States Patent and

Trademark Office. All other pending motions are most and hereby terminated. This case is closed.

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/s/ David H. Coar

David H. Coar

United States District Judge

Dated: September 30, 2005

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Appendix I Northern District of Illinois Cases Involving Leo Stoller and the "Stealth" Mark

Case Number	Case Name	Subject Matter	
88-C-3722	Slazengers Ltd. v. Stoller et al.	Trademark Infringement	
88-C-7215	Skierkewiecz, et al. v. Gonzalez, et al.	Non-Trademark Infringement	
92-C-5622	Stoller v. Carbaugh et al.	Trademark Infringement	
95-C-1634	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. Victor Stanzel Co., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
95-C-2650	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. Grace Childrens Prods. et al.	Trademark Infringement	
95-C-2651	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. Zebco Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
95-C-4509	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. All Amer. Prod. Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
95-C-5788	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. Oceanic USA	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1035	S Indus. Inc. v. Amer Soccer Co., Inc.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1138	S Indus. Inc. v. Netti Export Corp., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1218	S Indus. Inc. v. Bard Wyers Sports, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1264	S Indus. Inc. v. HHA Sports, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1325	S Indus. Inc. v. ERO Indus. Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-1776	S Indus. Inc. v. Fit Bearings, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-2037	S Indus. Inc. v. World of Weapons, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-2038	S Indus. Inc. v. Pelican Pro Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-2166	S Indus. Inc. v. Wonderwand, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-2231	S Indus. Inc. v. Lane, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-2232	S Indus. Inc. v. GMI Prof. Access Syst., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-3389	S Indus. Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-3524	S Indus. Inc. v. Centra 2000 Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	

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96-C-3525	S Indus. Inc. v. NAAN Irrigation Syst., et al.		
96-C-3592	S Indus. Inc. v. Nat'l Baseball Hall of Fame	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-3593	S Indus. Inc. v. Funline Mdse Co., Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-3916	S Indus. Inc. v. Kimberly-Clark Corp., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4140	S Indus. Inc. v. Ecolab Inc.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4141	S Indus. Inc. v. Tru-Fit Mkg. Corp.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4149	S Indus. Inc. v. Mitsushiba Int'l Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4434	S Indus. Inc. v. Brodix Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4659	S Indus. Inc. v. JL Audio Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-4951	S Indus. Inc. v. Stone Age Equip. Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-6047	S Indus. Inc. v. Tournament Grade, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-6507	S Indus. Inc. v. Photostealth Fabric	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-6509	S Indus. Inc. v. Hobbico Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
96-C-6538	S Indus. Inc. v. E-Force Sports, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-1817	S Indus. Inc. v. Hobbico Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-2787	S Indus. Inc. v. Space-Age Tech, et al.	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3702	S Indus. Inc. v. Sunshine Golf	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3703	S Indus. Inc. v. Tour Advanced Int'l	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3704	S Indus. Inc. v. NGA Disc Golf	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3705	S Indus. Inc. v. S E Golf	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3706	S Indus. Inc. v. Proclub Golfing Co.	Trademark Infringement	
97-C-3707	S Indus. Inc. v. M & M Golf Inc.	Trademark Infringement	
99-C-1401	Hartford Ins. Co. v. Diamond Computer, et al.	Non-Trademark Infringement	

00-C-6586	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. Stealth Sec. Syst., Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement
Case Number	Case Name	Subject Matter
00-C-7867	Centra Software Inc. v. Stoller, et al.	Trademark Infringement
04-C-3049	Stealth Indus. Inc. v. George Brett & Brett Bros. Sports Int'l, Inc.	Trademark Infringement
05-C-725	Central Mfg. Co., et al. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.	Trademark Infringement
05-C-2052	Columbia Pictures Indus., Inc. v. Stoller et al.	Trademark Infringement

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 2.5 Eastern Division

Central Mfg. Co., et al.

Plaintiff,

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Case No.: 1:05-cv-00725

Honorable George W. Lindberg

Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.

Defendant.

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United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	George W. Lindberg	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	05 C 725	DATE	11/16/2005
CASE TITLE	Central Mfg. Co. vs. Pure Fishing, Inc., et al		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Plaintiff's case is dismissed with prejudice and a default judgment is entered against each of the counterdefendants.

[For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

This case is a striking example of gross misconduct by counter-defendant and plaintiff's principle, Leo Stoller, and his counsel, Peter Woods. Their conduct constitutes a flagrant contempt for this Court and mandates the harsh sanctions of dismissal of this case with prejudice as to plaintiff and entry of default judgment as to each counter-defendant.

I. Factual Background

Leo Stoller, a counter-defendant and purported sole shareholder of plaintiff Central Mfg. Co. and each of the counter-defendants, is a frequent litigant within this district.\(^1\) Mr. Stoller, a non-lawyer, has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation. See e.g. Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett, 2005 WL 2445898 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 30, 2005) (Coar, J.) ("Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d 796 (N.D. Ill. 1998) (Castillo, J.) (Stoller initiates "litigation lacking in merit and approaching harassment."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F. Supp. 210, 211 (N.D. Ill. 1996) (Shadur, J.) (Stoller "appears to have entered into a new industry – that of instituting federal litigation."). Additionally, Mr. Stoller or his entities have been ordered to pay their opponent's attorneys' fees in at least seven reported cases. See e.g. Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett, 2005 WL 2445898 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 30, 2005) (Coar, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Ecolab Inc., 1999 WL 162785 (N.D. Ill. Mar.16, 1999) (Gottschall, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp. 2d 796, 798-99, 819-20 (N.D. Ill.1998) (Castillo, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Centra 2000, Inc., 1998 WL 157067 (N.D. Ill. Mar.31, 1998) (Lindberg, J.), aff'd by 249 F.3d 625, 627-29 (7th Cir. 2001); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 991 F.Supp. 1012 (N.D. Ill.1998) (Andersen, J.);

1. Since 1988, Leo Stoller, individually or through one of his many wholly-owned corporate entities, has been involved in at least 49 cases in the Northern District of Illinois.

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S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 17 F.Supp.2d 775 (N.D. Ill.1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc., 1998 WL 641347 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 10, 1998) (Andersen, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Kimberly-Clark Corp., 1996 WL 388427 (N.D. Ill. July 9, 1996) (Shadur, J.); S Indus., Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F.Supp. 210, 212 (N.D.Ill.1996) (Shadur, J.).

In keeping with Mr. Stoller's reputation, his actions in the instant litigation have been vexatious and sanctionable. As background, a brief explanation of Mr. Stoller's "business" is necessary. For more than a decade, Mr. Stoller has been creating and operating various wholly-owned corporate entities including, *inter alia*, S. Industries, Inc., Central Manufacturing Co., Central Manufacturing Inc., Sentra Industries, Inc., Stealth Industries, Inc., and Rentamark.com. Mr. Stoller admits that he is the chief operating officer, president, and where applicable, sole shareholder for each of these corporate entities. Individually and through these wholly-owned entities, Mr. Stoller applies for and has obtained trademark registrations for hundreds of words and phrases including the term "Stealth," which is at issue in the instant case. As part of his "business," Mr. Stoller issues cease and desist letters to companies that market products bearing some version of the names and terms he has purportedly trademarked. In those letters, Mr. Stoller threatens to file an infringement action unless the targeted companies pay him a licensing fees for the use of the allegedly trademarked terms.

In the mid and late 1990s, Mr. Stoller initiated a number of infringement lawsuits on behalf of S. Industries, Inc., stating that he and/or S. Industries Inc. owned the exclusive rights to various trademarks, including ones for the term "Stealth." As discussed above, many of those suits were unsuccessful and resulted in the imposition of sanctions against S. Industries, Inc. and Mr. Stoller. Seemingly to avoid possible forfeiture of one or more of the trademark registrations to judgments creditors of S. Industries, Inc., Mr. Stoller purportedly transferred S. Industries Inc.'s rights in those marks to Central Mfg. Co.

Thereafter, Mr. Stoller began a new round of infringement lawsuits on behalf of Central Mfg. Co., the new alleged owner of exclusive title for various "Stealth" marks. See e.g. Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett, 2005 WL 2445898 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 30, 2005) (Coar, J.). Mr. Stoller and Central Mfg. Co. initiated the instant trademark infringement action on February 4, 2005. Throughout the initial complaint, Central Mfg. Co. maintained that it was a Delaware Corporation. Mr. Stoller and Central Mfg. Co. also stated that they held the rights to the federal trademark registrations for the term "Stealth," which served as the sole basis for their complaint. Plaintiffs also included, as exhibits to the complaint, copies of trademark registration forms indicating that Central Mfg. Co. held sole title to the disputed "Stealth" trademarks.

Subsequently, Central Mfg. Co. and Mr. Stoller retained additional counsel who filed their appearances on May 19, 2005 and filed an amended complaint on May 24, 2005. Therein, Mr. Stoller removed himself as a named plaintiff and Central Mfg. Co. continued to maintain that it was a Delaware corporation and held sole title to the disputed "Stealth" trademarks. During that same week, Mr. Stoller and his additional attorneys filed a motion with Judge Hart stating that Central Mfg. Co. was a d/b/a of Central Mfg. Inc. See Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. v. Stoller et al., 05 C 2052. In response to the amended complaint, defendants filed a number of counterclaims, naming Mr. Stoller and various of his wholly-owned corporate entities as counter-defendants. Defendants also filed a motion to dismiss, challenging the legitimacy and corporate status of Central Mfg. Co. In response to defendant's motion to dismiss, Central Mfg. Co. admitted that, contrary to the statements in its initial and amended complaints, it was not a Delaware corporation. In fact, Central Mfg. Co. was not an independent corporate entity. Instead, for the first time in this litigation, Central Mfg. Co. stated that it was a d/b/a/ for Central Mfg. Inc., a Delaware corporation, that was not named in the instant lawsuit. On September 27, 2005, this Court dismissed plaintiff's amended complaint without prejudice.

Prior to a ruling on the motion to dismiss, plaintiff's additional counsel moved to withdraw as counsel for Central Mfg. Co., Mr. Stoller and a number of the corporate counter-defendants, stating that they were no longer being paid and that their continued representation of those parties would violate Illinois Rules of

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Professional Conduct 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3(a)(1) and (a)(12).² Mr. Woods did not move to withdraw his appearance on behalf of Central Mfg. Co. The Court scheduled an October 12, 2005 hearing on the motion to withdraw. A few hours before the hearing, plaintiff's additional counsel filed a motion for leave to file a second amended complaint. In light of the allegations in plaintiff's additional counsel's motion to withdraw and because Mr. Woods had an appearance on file for Central Mfg. Co., the Court granted the motion to withdraw on October 12, 2005, and gave the corporate counter-defendants until November 2, 2005 to obtain new counsel. The Court reserved ruling on plaintiff's motion for leave to file a second amended complaint and ordered Mr. Woods to either certify that the allegations in the proposed second amended complaint complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure ("Rule") 11, or withdraw the proposed second amended complaint by October 21, 2005.

Thereafter, the Court began to uncover some of the egregious conduct of Mr. Stoller, individually and on behalf of his corporate entities, and Mr. Woods. The Court held a hearing on November 9, 2005. At the hearing, Mr. Woods admitted to the following conduct:

- (1) providing Mr. Stoller with oral authorization to sign his name to pleadings filed with the Court:
- (2) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to a motion to compel that lacked any evidentiary support and accused this Court of "being an integral part of [a scheme] to defraud the Federal Court and to defraud Leo Stoller out of his valuable trademarks," and accused defense counsel of "concocting [a] scheme in order to defraud the counter-defendants out of \$100,000 and 30 Federal Trademarks," "tortiously interfer[ing] with Leo Stoller's business banking relationship," and designing "a scheme to purchases a fee award merely for the purpose of asserting a non-meritorious counterclaim;"
- (3) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to the February 4, 2005 attorney appearance form on behalf of Central Mfg. Co. that failed to include his ARDC number;
- (4) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to the February 4, 2005 complaint that repeatedly stated that Central Mfg. Co. is a Delaware corporation, when reasonable inquires as required by Rule 11 would have disclosed that Central Mfg. Co. was not an independent legal entity;
- (5) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to an October 28, 2005 attorney appearance form that failed to include his ARDC number and purported to be on behalf of Central Mfg. Co., after all parties to the case had previously agreed that Central Mfg. Co. was not an independent legal entity;
- (6) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to an October 28, 2005 attorney appearance form on behalf of various corporate counter-defendants without verifying whether those counter-defendants were independent legal entities; and
- (7) authorizing Mr. Stoller to sign his name to a Rule 11 Certification, dated October 21, 2005, certifying that the proposed second amended complaint complied with Rule 11.

At the hearing, Mr. Woods also stated that the allegations and information in the above referenced filings came directly from Mr. Stoller. Mr. Stoller provided Mr. Woods with the information included in the above referenced motion to compel and erroneously represented that each of the counter-defendants listed on Mr. Woods' October 28, 2005 appearance form were independent legal entities. Additionally, although not

2. Rule 3.1 provides, in pertinent part, that "[a] lawyer shall not bring or defend a proceeding, or assert or controvert an issue therein, unless there is a basis for doing so that is not frivolous, which includes a good-faith argument for an extension, modification or reversal of existing law." Rule 3.2 provides that "[a] lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the client." Rule 3.3(a)(1) provides that a lawyer shall not "make a statement of material fact or law to a tribunal which the later knows or reasonably should know is false." Rule 3.3(a)(12) provides that a lawyer shall not "fail to use reasonable efforts to restrain and prevent a client from doing those things that the lawyer ought not to do."

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specifically confirmed on the record, it appears that Mr. Stoller may have drafted a number of the pleadings to which he affixed Mr. Woods' name. Furthermore, Mr. Stoller also filed baseless *pro se* motions in his capacity as a counter-defendant. Most notably, Mr. Stoller filed meritless motions to disqualify this Court and defense counsel. Despite repeated admonishments by this Court that he was not an attorney and could not represent his corporate entities, Mr. Stoller also filed a pleading on behalf of his corporate counter-defendants.

II. Legal Analysis

A. Conduct of the Corporate Counter-defendants

It is well settled that corporate entities cannot appear before the court pro se. See Scandia Down Corp. v. Euroquilt, Inc., 772 F.2d 1423, 1427 (7th Cir.1985). On October 27, 2005, the Court ordered that any corporate counter-defendant that did not have an attorney appearance on file by November 2, 2005 would be defaulted. The next day, Mr. Woods authorized Mr. Stoller to sign his name to and file an attorney appearance on behalf of all of the corporate counter-defendant. That appearance form clearly violates Rule 11(a). Rule 11(a) requires that "[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper shall be signed by at least one attorney." Fed.R.Civ.P. 11 (emphasis added). In order to comply with Rule 11, Mr. Woods must personally sign each paper filed with the Court and cannot authorize Mr. Stoller to sign his name to pleadings submitted on behalf of the corporate counter-defendant. See Dillard v. Washington, 1996 WL 616664 (N.D. III. Oct. 21, 1996) (dismissing a complaint pursuant to Rule 11 because the plaintiff failed to personally sign it).

The appearance form also fails to comply with Rule 11(b). Mr Woods admitted that he did not verify that each of the counter-defendants listed on the appearance form were independent legal entities. In fact, a number of those entities, most notable Central Mfg. Co., are not legal entities. Further, authorizing the filing on an attorney appearance form on behalf of non-existent corporate entities clearly prejudiced defendants by needlessly increasing the cost of discovery and hampering defendants' ability to identify the true parties in interest in Counterclaim IV. Therefore, because the attorney appearance form filed on behalf of the corporate counter-defendants violates Rule 11(a) and (b), it is stricken. Additionally, the corporate counter-defendants will not be allowed leave to file an additional attorney appearance form. Based on the admissions of Mr. Woods, he is not qualified to represent the corporate counter-defendants in this litigation, and the counter-defendants cannot represent themselves. Accordingly, default judgment is entered as to each of the corporate counter-defendants for failure to obtain competent representation, despite ample opportunity to do so.

B. The Conduct of Mr. Woods and Mr. Stoller, Individually and on Behalf of Central Mfg. Co.

Next, the Court addresses the conduct of Mr. Woods and Mr. Stoller, individually and on behalf of Central Mfg. Co. The Court has the inherent authority to dismissed plaintiff's complaint with prejudice and enter a default judgment against Mr. Stoller to rectify abuses to the judicial process. *Dotson v. Bravo*, 321 F.3d 663, 667 (7th Cir. 2003). This power is governed by the necessary control a court must have over its docket and includes the imposition of the sanction of dismissal with prejudice. *Id.* As the Seventh Circuit has recognized, "there are species of misconduct that place too high a burden . . . for a court to allow a case to continue." *Barnhill v. United States*, 11 F.3d 1360, 1368 (7th Cir. 1993). Dismissal with prejudice is a harsh sanction, however "the most severe sanction in the spectrum of sanctions provided by statute or rule must be available . . . not merely to penalize those whose conduct may be deemed to warrant such a sanction, but to deter those who might be tempted to such conduct in the absence of such a deterrent." *Nat'l Hockey League v. Metro Hockey Club, Inc.*, 427 U.S. 639, 643 (1976). Additionally, the Court need not explore the appropriateness of a lesser sanction if the circumstances justify dismissal of the action with prejudice.

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Dotson, 321 F.3d at 667.

In deciding what measure of sanction to impose, this court must consider the "egregiousness of the conduct in question in relation to all aspects of the judicial process." *Barnhill*, 11 F.3d at 1368. Further, "[m]isconduct may exhibit such flagrant contempt for the court and its processes that to allow the offending party to continue to invoke the judicial mechanism for its own benefit would raise concerns about the integrity and credibility of the civil justice system that transcend the interests of the parties immediately before the court." *Dotson*, 321 F.3d at 668.

Since the inception of this case, Mr. Woods and Mr. Stoller, individually and on behalf of Central Mfg. Co, have repeatedly violated the Federal Rules of Evidence. For example, Mr. Woods stated that he did not personally sign the original attorney appearance or complaint filed on behalf of Central Mfg. Co. Rather, in violation of Rule 11, Mr. Woods authorized Mr. Stoller to sign his name to those documents, without provided any indication to the Court or opposing counsel that Mr. Woods had not personally signed them. Mr. Woods also did not personally sign the Rule 11 certification ordered by the Court, within the deadline for doing so.

Next, Mr. Woods and Central Mfg. Co., through Mr. Stoller, violated Rule 11(b) by maintaining that Central Mfg. Co. was a Delaware corporation. Contrary to the statements in Central Mfg. Co.'s initial and amended complaints, it is not an independent legal entity and is not incorporated under the laws of Delaware. Central Mfg. Co. filed an amended complaint with this Court on May 26, 2005 stating that it was a Delaware corporation, while almost simultaneously filing a motion before Judge Hart stating that Central Mfg. Co. was a d/b/a for Central Mfg. Inc. See Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. v. Stoller et al., 05 C 2052. Plaintiff, through Mr. Stoller, filed this case under a false name. Since the inception of this case, and unquestionablely prior to filing the amended complaint, Mr. Stoller knew that he had not incorporated Central Mfg. Co. However, Mr. Stoller likely attempted to conceal this fact from the Court because the trademark registrations that are the basis for the infringement claims, state that Central Mfg. Co., not Central Mfg. Inc., owns sole title to the disputed marks. The conduct of Central Mfg. Co., through Mr. Stoller, is akin to the conduct in Dotson. 321 F.3d 663. In Dotson, the Seventh Circuit upheld the dismissal of a plaintiff's case with prejudice as a sanction for filing suit under a false name. Id. at 668. Accordingly, Central Mfg. Co. and Mr. Stoller deserve the same sanction for filing suit on half of a false corporation.

Mr. Stoller and Mr. Woods have also displayed an appalling lack of regard for this court and a lack of respect for the judicial process. As stated above, Mr. Stoller likely engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by indiscriminately placing his signature and that of Mr. Woods on meritless and untrue pleadings. Specifically, Mr. Stoller accused this Court and opposing counsel of participated in a scheme to defraud the federal courts and others and of engaging in unprofessional and unethical conduct. To the contrary, Mr. Stoller and Mr. Woods are the only ones who have engaged in unprofessional and unethical conduct in this case. Additionally, despite more than ample time, Mr. Woods and Mr. Stoller failed to remedy inconsistencies between the proposed second amended complaint and Exhibit 2 attached thereto. Specifically, Mr. Woods and Mr. Stoller failed to reconcile the statements in the proposed second amended complaint that Central Mfg. Inc. owns title to the disputed marks, and the trademark registrations in Exhibit 2, which clearly state that title lies solely with Central Mfg. Co.

Mr. Stoller appears to believe that this Court exists to serve his selfish interests and to promote his questionable business, rather than to serve the interests of justice. Mr. Stoller is wrong and must be sanctioned in the only manner that will deprive him of the very process he has sought to manipulate and pervert. In light of the above mentioned egregious conduct and flagrant contempt of court, to allow Mr. Stoller and his wholly owned entities to continue to "invoke the judicial mechanism for [their] own benefit would raise concerns about the integrity and credibility of the civil justice system that transcend the interests of the parties immediately before the court." *Dotson*, 321 F.3d at 668. Accordingly, under the Court's inherent power, plaintiff's case is dismissed with prejudice and a default judgment is entered against Mr.

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Stoller in his capacity as a counter-defendant.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons and pursuant to the Court's inherent power, plaintiff's case is dismissed with prejudice and a default judgment is entered against each of the counter-defendants. All other pending motions are moot. Any sanction motions pursuant to Rule 11 for conduct addressed in this order must be filed by November 30, 2005. It is so ordered.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Central Mfg. Co., et al.

Plaintiff,

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Case No.: 1:05-CV-00725

Honorable George W. Lindberg

Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.

Defendant

PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT

Having considered Defs.' Motion to Lift Stay and Enter Final Judgment, the Court hereby enters this final judgment in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 54, 55(b), and 58.

IT IS ORDERED that final judgment is hereby entered in favor of Defendants / Counter-Plaintiffs on counterclaims I-IV against Central Mfg. Co., Leo Stoller an individual doing business as Central Mfg. Co. doing business as S. Industries Inc. doing business as Terminator doing business as Stealth doing business as Rentamark doing business as Rentamark.Com doing business as Stealth Sports and Marine doing business as Association Network Management doing business as USA Sports Co. Inc. doing business as Stealth Industries, Inc. doing business as Central Mfg Inc. doing business as S Industries doing business as Sentra Industries Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case is "exceptional" under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a). Counter-Defendants are jointly and severally responsible, and shall pay the Defendants'/Counter-Plaintiffs' costs, charges and disbursements, including a reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in this action. Defendants / Counter-Plaintiffs shall file the information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d)(2) in support of its fee award within fourteen (14) days after the date of this Order. Defendants / Counter-Plaintiffs shall file a bill of costs and disbursements on the form provided by the clerk pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d), no later than ten (10) days after the date of this Order.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that US Trademark Registration No. 1,766,806 and the STEALTH mark for fishing bobbers are lapsed, invalid, abandoned, unenforceable, and forfeit under federal and common laws.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that US Trademark Registration No. 1,766,806 and each of the "Stealth" trademark registrations listed in the Complaint are canceled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there is no reasonable likelihood of confusion between Plaintiff's STEALTH marks and the SPIDERWIRE STEALTH mark as used by Defendants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Counter-Defendants, whether or not registered with the State of Illinois, are vexatious litigants and are barred from instituting any lawsuit or trademark opposition without prior leave of this Court pursuant to this Court's authority under the All Writs Act 28 U.S. C. § 1651(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Counter-Defendants are liable for the judgment in S Industries, Inc. v. Centra 2000, Inc., 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 10649, 1998 WL 395161 (N.D. III. 1998) so as to allow execution of that judgment against such trademark registrations, goodwill, and associated license assets, including US trademark registration nos. 1,332,378 and 1,766,806 and all other trademark registrations at a value of \$245 for each (sanctions of October 12, 2005 hearing) in partial satisfaction of that judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Counter-Defendants are enjoined from dissipating, transferring, assigning, liquidating, or otherwise removing the trademark assets of Plaintiffs and Counter-Defendants to another person or entity without prior notification and approval of this

Court.

Datea:

Łindberg, J. U.S. District Court Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Central Mfg. Co., et al.

Plaintiff,

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Case No.: 1:05-CV-00725

Honorable George W. Lindberg

Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.

Defendant

PROPOSED ORDER LIFTING STAY

For the reasons expressed in Defs.' Motion to Lift Stay and Enter Final Judgment, the

stay in this case is lifted.

Dated:

U.S. District Court Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Central Mfg. Co., et al.

Plaintiff,

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Case No.: 1:05-CV-00725

Honorable George W. Lindberg

Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.

Defendant

PROPOSED ORDER

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Court takes judicial notice of the documents attached as Exhibits 1-6 to Defendant's Third Motion for Judicial Notice.

Dated:

Lindberg, J.)

U.S. Distri**¢**t Court Judge

EXHIBIT 20

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Trademark Trial and Appeal Board P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Baxley

Mailed: July 30, 2006
Opposition No. 91170256
Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.)

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Google Inc.

By the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

Involved application Serial No. 76314811 was published for opposition on November 1, 2005.

Opposer Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.) filed a request to extend time to oppose by ninety days on November 27, 2005, which the Board granted on November 28, 2005. By such extension, opposer was allowed until March 1, 2006 to file a notice of opposition. Opposer filed a notice of opposition on March 1, 2006, and the Board issued a notice instituting this proceeding on April 8, 2006.

In an order signed by the Chief Administrative

Trademark Judge on July 14, 2006, all extensions of time

filed during and since November 2005 by Leo Stoller and the

entities controlled by him, including opposer, were vacated
as a sanction. See attached Order.

Accordingly, the extension of time to oppose the involved application that the Board granted on November 28,

2005 is vacated, and the notice of opposition is thus untimely. Based on the foregoing, the above-captioned opposition is dismissed.

Application Serial No. 76314811 will proceed to issuance of a registration certificate in due course.

 $^{^{1}}$ All pending motions in this proceeding are moot.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

July 14, 2006

Leo Stoller 7115 W. North Avenue #272 Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Dear Mr. Stoller:

By order dated March 28, 2006, you were informed that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) was considering imposing sanctions against you under 37 C.F.R. §10.18(c), and you were allowed thirty days in which to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed. On April 26, 2006, after an extension of time to respond was granted, you filed your response to the order to show cause.

BACKGROUND

Summary of the March 28, 2006 show cause order

The show cause order noted that you and entities you control filed more than 1100 requests for extension of time to file notices of opposition between November 2005 and March 2006. The order noted, further, that the sheer number of such filings by one person is unprecedented and raises serious questions about whether the filings were undertaken for an improper purpose in violation of 37 C.F.R. § 10.18(b)(2), such as for harassment or unnecessary delay of the targeted applications.

The show cause order made reference to the numerous sanctions imposed on you, over many years, in past TTAB proceedings as evidence of your pattern of misconduct and abuse of the TTAB's

¹ The authority to impose sanctions under 37 C.F.R. §10.18(c) has been delegated to the Chief Administrative Trademark Judge from the General Counsel under authority delegated to him by the Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

processes.2 The show cause order alluded also to your conduct in Federal court proceedings that resulted in negative comment, chastisement, and the imposition of sanctions. In light of your well-documented history, it was concluded that you most likely had an improper purpose in filing such an extraordinary number of extensions of time to oppose.

You were instructed specifically that your response to the show cause order include, for each of the marks for which you requested an extension of time to file an opposition, evidence

² In particular, the following cases were cited in the show cause order: S. Indus. v. Lamb-Weston, Inc., 45 USPQ2d 1293 (TTAB 1997) (submission of fraudulent certificate of mailing and certificate of service); S Indus. v. S&W Sign Co., Opp. No. 91102907 (Dec. 16, 1999) (fraudulent allegations of ongoing settlement negotiations; allegations of non-receipt of papers found not credible); Central Mfg. Inc. v. Third Millennium Technology, Inc., 61 USPQ2d 1210 (TTAB 2001) (submission of false statements in order to secure extension of time to oppose); S Indus., Inc. v. Casablanca Indus., Inc., Canc. No. 92024330 (Oct. 3, 2000) (dilatory tactics throughout proceeding); Central Mfg., Inc. v. Flex-Coil Ltd., Opp. No. 91117069 (Feb. 19, 2002) ("opposer's representative has filed ... numerous papers [for] the sole purpose of harassing applicant, apparently until it capitulates"); Bacu USA Safety, Inc. v. Central Mfg. Co., Canc. No. 92032631 (Jul 24, 2003) ("respondent has ... failed to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed on it for filing the groundless Rule 11 motion, [and] has ... compounded its wrong by filing a groundless motion for reconsideration"); S Indus. v. JL Audio, Inc., Opp. No. 91110672 (May 13, 2003) (finding opposers' claim "without exception, completely devoid of merit"; opposers engaged in "a pattern of voluminous and piece-meal motion practice against which [they] were warned"); Central Mfg. Co. V. Astec Indus., Inc., Opp. No. 91116821 (Sept. 3, 2003) (judgment entered against opposer for filing abusive Rule 11 motions); Central Mfg. Co. V. Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc., Opp. Nos. 91154585, 91154617 (Feb. 19, 2004) (sanctions imposed for filing meritless motions for the purpose of harassment and delay); Central Mfg. Co. v. Premium Prods. Co., Opp. No. 91159950 (Sep. 29, 2004) (sanctions granted for opposer's bad faith omission of date from metered mail); Leo Stoller v. Northern Telepresence Corp., Opp. No. 91162195 (Feb. 11, 2005) (Board found that opposer had submitted untimely extensions of time to oppose notwithstanding use of certificates of mailing and declarations to the contrary; opposition dismissed); Bacu USA Safety, Inc. v. S Indus., Inc., Opp. No. 91108769 (Aug. 14, 2002) ("applicant's pattern of behavior ... reveals a deliberate strategy of delay, evasion and harassment ..., implied threats to the Commissioner, and ... a direct violation of a Board order").

that supports a claim that you may be damaged by registration of the mark.

Finally, you were informed that the sanctions being considered included terminating or vacating any extension of time to oppose found to have been filed in violation of the applicable rules, restriction of your right to appear before the USPTO on your own behalf or as an officer, director, or partner of any entity you control, and/or restriction of your right to request extensions of time to oppose on behalf of yourself or any entity you control.

Summary of Response

Your four-page response, to which you attached many pages of exhibits, consists of quotations from the show cause order, citation to certain cases to which you were a party and in which no sanctions were imposed on you, coupled with a request that the USPTO not impose any sanctions based on your past practices before the TTAB and other tribunals, and general comments concerning your basis for filing the numerous requests for extensions of time to oppose, without mention of any particular request.

References to Other Proceedings

In asking that the USPTO not sanction you for your past conduct in TTAB cases and the cases in other tribunals, you point out that the Executive Committee for the federal judicial district of the Northern District of Illinois issued you a citation on December 15, 2005, allowing you time to show cause why "reasonable and necessary restraints" should not be imposed upon you in view of your activities in the lawsuits brought by you or your wholly-owned companies, before the Court. The Executive Committee quoted Judge Coar in Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett, 3 78 USPQ2d 1662, 1664 (N.D. Ill. 2005) as follows:

Indeed, as several judges (including this one) have previously noted, Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation ... Plaintiff and one or more of his corporate entities have been involved in at least 49 cases

¹ The Executive Committee referenced the case as: Case No. 04 C 3049, Stealth Ind. Inc. v. George Brett & Brett.

in this district alone. Of these, at least 47 purport to involve trademark infringement ... No court has ever found infringement in any trademark allegedly held by Stoller or his related companies in any reported opinion.

You also noted that, after filing your response, the Executive Committee ruled, without further explanation, as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Northern District of Illinois has considered your response to the citation issued to you on December 15, 2005. After discussion, the Committee will take no further action in this matter.

You then referred to an order in Leo Stoller d/b/a Central Mfg. Co. v. WFJM Enterprises, Inc., Opposition No. 91155814 (TTAB May 5, 2004), in which the TTAB denied, as premature, a motion to impose sanctions on you.

Finally, in asking that the USPTO not sanction you for your past conduct, you refer to the "S Industries v. Genie Door" case wherein the now Chief Judge of the Northern District of Illinois declined, eight years ago, to impose sanctions stating, in part, "the court, however, cannot base its decision to award fees on the plaintiff's conduct in other cases with other defendants." 5

Comments Regarding Current Extension Requests

You assert that none of the extensions that you have filed on your own behalf or on behalf of entities you control was made for any improper purpose or for harassment or delay. The show cause order specifically required you to provide, for each of the marks for which you have requested an extension of time to oppose, evidence supporting a claim that you may be damaged by registration of the mark. In response, you assert that you have met the standard for filing an extension of time to oppose, because all such extension requests "are not based upon the potential opposer being damaged by a registration, but are based upon the potential opposer merely having an opportunity to

⁴ The copy of the order provided with your response did not include the caption of the case. It appears that the correct designation of the case is *S Industries, Inc. v. GMI Holdings, Inc.*, Case No. 96 C 2232 (N.D. Ill. 1998).

⁵ While the Court did not award fees to defendant (GMI), the Court did award costs to defendant.

investigate the facts, obtain documentation, and to enable the potential opposer to consider its position with regard to potential opposition of an application." You did not provide information regarding any specific steps you have taken with regard to any application for which you have obtained an extension of time to conduct such an investigation.

With respect to the requirement that you support your claim of damage, you state that, through entities which you control, you "hold rights to over 100 Federal Trademark Registrations" and hold "Common Law rights to several thousand trademarks and slogans which can be found at www.rentamark.com." submitted, as exhibits, excerpts from the referenced website, including a "list of emarks" to which you claim rights. You state that, for each extension filed, you relied on common law rights to a trademark that was, in your opinion, confusingly similar to the applicant's mark.6

In requesting that you not be sanctioned, you ask that the USPTO merely give you "... some direction to keep Leo Stoller on a proper course...."

Activities Since Issuance of the Show Cause Order

Since the date of the show cause order, you have filed requests for extension of time to oppose against more than 400 additional applications, bringing the total since November 2005 to over 1800, as compared to only six you filed in the five-month period between June and October 2005. In particular, USPTO records show that during the past year you have filed requests for extension of time to oppose as follows:

> June 2005 September 2005 October 2005 2 November 2005 47 December 2005 238

^{6 &}quot;For each of the extensions that Leo Stoller filed, Leo Stoller held Common Law rights to a trademark that was in Leo Stoller's opinion, confusingly similar to the potential opposer's mark." (Emphasis added.) It is assumed that your reference to "potential opposer's mark" was intended, rather, as a reference to the marks against which you filed the extension requests.

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January 2006 188 February 2006 151 March 2006 717 April 2006 423 May 2006 63 Total 1.833

In your response to the show cause order, you stated that you had ceased filing extensions of time to oppose in those cases in which you would have relied on your alleged common law rights. It appears that you have done so.

Since the issuance of the order to show cause, you have contacted directly at least some of the applicants whose applications are the subjects of your requests to extend time to oppose. The TTAB has received informal complaints, formal requests for reconsideration of certain, specific extension requests, and at least one objection to the granting of any more extension requests. The nature of your contact, according to the applicant for application Serial No. 76616350, was "a large package of materials requesting money" in exchange for settlement. Apart from their substantive content, your contact letters request that the receiving applicant consent to an additional 90-day extension of time to oppose, further informing the addressee that such consent will be assumed if you do not hear from the applicant by a date certain and that you will file a "stipulated" request for an additional 90-day extension.8

APPLICABLE RULES

⁷ Contacting your potential adversary is not per se prohibited conduct. Indeed, many potential opposers do so in order to explore the possibility of initiating good faith, bilateral settlement discussion. Inasmuch as the substance of your contact is being addressed separately in connection with the requests being filed by the applicants who have taken formal steps to seek redress, the USPTO will not discuss in detail the "large package of materials" and other features of the contact letter.

Under TTAB rules, you would not be permitted an additional 90-day extension after receiving a first 90-day extension. "After receiving one or two extensions of time totaling ninety days, a person may file one final request for an extension of time for an additional sixty days....No further extensions of time to file an opposition will be granted under any circumstances." Trademark Rule 2.102(c)(3); 37 C.F.R. §2.102(c)(3).

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Trademark Rule 2.102 provides, in relevant part, for the filing of requests to extend the time to oppose as follows:

- (a) Any person who believes that ... it would be damaged by the registration of a mark on the Principal Register may file ... a written request ... to extend the time for filing an opposition. ... Electronic signatures pursuant to § 2.193(c)(1)(iii) are required for electronically filed extension requests.
- (c) Requests to extend the time for filing an opposition must be filed as follows:
 - (1) A person may file a first request for either a thirty-day extension of time, which will be granted upon request, or a ninety-day extension of time, which will be granted only for good cause shown.

Trademark Rule 2.193(c)(2) provides in relevant part as follows:

The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any document by a party, whether a practitioner or nonpractitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter.

Patent and Trademark Office Rule 10.18 provides as follows:

- (b) By presenting to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) any paper, the party presenting such paper, whether a practitioner or nonpractitioner, is certifying that-
 - (2) To the best of the party's knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, that- (i) The paper is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass someone or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of prosecution before the Office; (ii) The claims and other legal contentions therein are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal

of existing law or the establishment of new law; (iii) The allegations and other factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (iv) The denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence, or if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on a lack of information or belief.

- (c) Violations of paragraph (b) (1) of this section by a practitioner or non-practitioner may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or the validity or enforceability of any patent, trademark registration, or certificate resulting therefrom. Violations of any of paragraphs (b) (2) (i) through (iv) of this section are, after notice and reasonable opportunity to respond, subject to such sanctions as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, which may include, but are not limited to, any combination of-
 - (1) Holding certain facts to have been established;
 - (2) Returning papers;
 - (3) Precluding a party from filing a paper, or presenting or contesting an issue;
 - (4) Imposing a monetary sanction;
 - (6) Terminating the proceedings in the Patent and Trademark Office.

DISCUSSION

Your assertion that you have met the standard for filing requests for extension of time to oppose and that you need not submit evidence supporting a claim that you may be damaged by registration of the marks in the subject applications amounts to a failure to respond meaningfully to the show cause order. While an unchallenged request for extension of time to oppose, when accompanied by a minimal statement of good cause, is rarely

denied, your filing of more than 1100 requests for extension of time to oppose within the few months preceding the date of the show cause order suggested a serious violation of your responsibilities as a party before the USPTO. The show cause order thus required you to demonstrate more than what might have been required in the ordinary case to support a single request for extension of time. In particular, you were required to demonstrate that the extension requests were not filed for improper purposes but, instead, were based on cognizable rights you may have arising under the Trademark Act.

Addressing directly the issue of your belief that you will be damaged, you indicate that you own over 100 federal registrations for trademarks and that you have common law rights in several thousand trademarks and slogans, referring to your website and attaching pages from your website to your response. Your submissions do not substantiate your rights in any of the claimed marks, let alone support a colorable claim of damage. For example, you did not submit copies of the registration certificates of the registered trademarks you claim to own. did you even clearly identify your registered trademarks and the goods and services for which they are registered.

In support of your claim of damage to your purported common law trademarks, you provided a listing of your claimed trademarks, running to almost 150 pages (50 terms listed on each page). The listing was derived from your website and includes nothing more than the listing of the marks themselves. You submitted no evidence of products or services bearing these alleged marks, no evidence that you have sold any products or services under these marks, and no evidence of your advertising of goods or services with these marks.

At your website, you offer to "RENT-A-FAMOUS slogan" and offer "Famous Trademarks for Rent On-Line." Your website states that you "control over 10,000 famous trademarks...." Nonetheless, the exhibits from your website do not demonstrate your offering for sale any goods or services, other than the "rental" of the marks themselves, nor do the website exhibits demonstrate the use of any of the asserted terms as trademarks. These excerpts from your website, rather than evidencing support of any purported claim for damage, reinforce the conclusion that you are holding up thousands of applications in an attempt to coerce applicants

⁹ But see, TBMP § 210, 211 (2d ed. rev. 2004) (regarding requests by applicants that the TTAB reconsider granted requests for extensions of time to oppose or deny subsequent requests).

to license, i.e., "rent," trademarks to which you have not demonstrated any proprietary right. Cf. Central Mfg. Co. v. Brett, 78 USPQ2d 1662, 1675 (N.D. Ill. 2005) ("Leo Stoller and his companies present paradigmatic examples of litigants in the business of bringing oppressive litigation designed to extract settlement.")

Finally, in requesting that the USPTO not sanction you for your past conduct, you reference in your response two court cases and a single TTAB case in which sanctions were not imposed on you. Although these other tribunals have for various reasons declined to impose sanctions, their decisions also contain findings supporting the conclusion that your recent activities in the TTAB are not isolated or anomalous, but rather reflect a pattern of harassing behavior. The rationales used by those other tribunals for declining to impose sanctions do not apply here, where the behavior is of such a systematic nature as to raise the potential cost of seeking a trademark for the public generally.

DETERMINATION

Your filing of an extraordinary number of requests for extension of time to oppose, particularly in light of your past behavior before the TTAB and the courts, constitutes a violation of your responsibilities under Patent and Trademark Rule 10.18(b). That rule provides that, by filing a paper (including the extension requests at issue here), you represent, among other things, that "[t]he paper is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass someone or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of prosecution before the Office" and that "[t]he claims and other legal contentions therein are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the establishment of new law." Patent and Trademark Rule 10.18(b)(2).

Extensions of time to oppose are granted ex parte, typically upon a minimal showing of good cause. Nonetheless, the requirements for an extension of time to oppose are clear: "Any person who believes that he, she or it would be damaged by the registration of a mark ... may file in the Office a written request ... to extend the time for filing an opposition." Trademark Rule 2.102(a) (emphasis added). Thus, while the potential opposer's showing

need not be extensive and the TTAB's examination of extension requests is usually cursory, Trademark Rule 2.102 and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.18 require that all requests for extension of time be based on a good faith belief that the potential opposer would be damaged by the potential registration.

The show cause order invited you to demonstrate that your filing of each of the extraordinary number of requests for extension of time to oppose was not improper. ("Any such showing should include evidence that supports a claim that you may be damaged by the registration of each of the marks for which an extension of time to oppose has been filed.") While extensions of time to investigate potential claims are common, the potential opposer must still hold some reasonable belief that it would be damaged by registration of the mark in question. Notwithstanding the opportunity offered to you to demonstrate such a belief, you have declined to make any such showing.

Any impropriety with respect to the letters you have sent to applicants against whose applications you have filed requests to extend time to oppose is not now under review. Nonetheless, the manner in which you request "consent" for prospective further requests to extend time to oppose, such consent being necessary under Trademark Rule 2.102(c)(3), is indicative of your motivation in filing the requests to extend time to oppose that are now under scrutiny. Specifically, your intimation that the individual applicant's consent is presumed if you do not receive an objection is in contradiction of your actual knowledge that any such consent must be explicit. See Central Manufacturing, Inc. v. Third Millennium Technology, Inc., 61 USPQ2d 1210 (TTAB 2001) (misrepresenting that applicant has "agreed" to the third and fourth requests to extend time to oppose). Thus, your contact letters, providing misinformation as to the requirements for the final extension request permitted under Trademark Rule 2.102(c)(3), support the finding that the extension requests at issue here were filed for improper purposes, specifically "...to obtain additional time to harass applicant, to obtain unwarranted extensions of the opposition period, and to waste resources of applicant and the Board." Id. at 1216.

In view thereof, it is determined that you have not made a showing that you have a colorable claim of damage justifying the extension requests filed during the period in question and have failed to establish good cause for filing such requests. It is determined, further, that you filed the extension requests for improper purposes, namely, to harass the applicants to pay you to

avoid litigation or to license one of the marks in which you assert a baseless claim of rights. Your misuse of the TTAB's procedures dictates that the USPTO impose on you an appropriate sanction.

Sanctions Imposed

In deciding what sanctions to impose, the USPTO considered the egregious nature and extent of your recent misconduct, including the impact of the misconduct on TTAB proceedings. You have been granted 90-day extensions of time to oppose more than 1800 applications. The effect has been to delay by at least three months the issuance of trademark registrations for each of those applications. In addition, the TTAB has had to divert significant resources to answering telephone inquiries from applicants or their representatives concerning your numerous filings. And the applicants against whom you have filed requests for extension of time to oppose have begun to submit formal objections that the TTAB must decide.

Also, the USPTO found it reasonable and proper to consider your recent misconduct in the context of your well-documented pattern of misconduct during many years of litigation before the TTAB and the courts as set out in the show cause order, which included the sampling of TTAB cases in which sanctions were imposed against you¹⁰ and the case in the Northern District of Illinois. 11 Cf. C.

¹⁰ Indeed, irregularities with respect to your filing of requests to extend time to oppose have been considered previously. See, for example, Stoller v. Northern Telepresence Corp., 152 Fed. Appx. 923, 2005 WL 2813750 (Fed. Cir. 2005), affirming the TTAB's decision denying as untimely your request(s). See also Central Manufacturing, Inc. v. Third Millennium Technology, Inc., 61 USPQ2d 1210 (TTAB 2001), imposing a sanction, for a period of one year, which required the actual signature of the adverse party for any request to extend time to oppose filed by you in which it was alleged that such request was being sought on consent, or had been agreed to, or in which there was any allegation of any type of settlement discussion. This sanction was imposed because the TTAB found that the applicant had not "agreed" to the extension requests, that the parties were not engaged in bilateral settlement discussions, and that applicant had not invited opposer to proffer a settlement agreement, all determinations being contrary to your proffered reasons for seeking the extensions at issue therein. The TTAB further found that you "filed papers based on false statements and material misrepresentations and, moreover, ... engaged in a pattern of submitting such filings to this Board."

Wright & A. Miller, 5A Fed. Prac. & Pro. Civ.3d § 1336.1 (2006) (appropriate to consider prior behavior in other cases when exercising a court's inherent authority); Fed. R. Civ. P. 11, Advisory Committee's Note (1993) (same consideration appropriate under Rule 11). While the USPTO has considered findings made by other tribunals, the pattern of activities in the TTAB alone justify the sanctions imposed below.

The following sanctions are, therefore, hereby imposed:

Grant of Extension Requests Vacated

The approval of each request for extension of time to oppose that you have filed since November 2005 is hereby vacated. 12

Two-Year Prohibition On Filing Extension Requests

You are hereby prohibited for a period of TWO YEARS from the date of this order from filing, on your own behalf or as an officer, director, or partner of any entity you control, any request for extension of time to oppose under Trademark Rule 2.102. This two-year prohibition applies whether or not you are represented by an attorney.

Requirement Of Attorney Representation For Any Future Extension Requests

You are PERMANENTLY prohibited from appearing before the USPTO on your own behalf or as an officer, director, or partner of any

In contrast to the two cited orders of the Northern District of Illinois in which the Executive Committee and the Court declined to impose sanctions, that court has chastised and sanctioned you numerous times. See, e.g., S Industries, Inc. v. JL Audio, Inc., 29 F. Supp.2d 878 (N.D. Ill. 1998) ("This has not been a good year for Plaintiff in the Northern District of Illinois, but, then again, Plaintiff has not been a good litigant."), referencing several other cases before the Court that had been decided against you. See also Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., 2005 WL 3090998 (N.D. Ill. 2005) (and cases cited therein), in which the court imposed the sanction of dismissing plaintiff's claim and granting defendant's counterclaims to cancel registrations you own and for declaratory and injunctive relief. (The Pure Fishing case is suspended pending resolution of your petition in bankruptcy.)

¹² Extension requests granted more than 90 days ago have now expired. This sanction is, thus, moot with respect to such requests. But, if you have filed a notice of opposition against any of the involved marks, such notice of opposition is rendered untimely by this sanction, and any such opposition shall be dismissed.

entity you control for the purpose of filing any request to extend time to file a notice of opposition or any paper associated therewith. Any such future request must be filed by an attorney, who will be bound to act in accordance with USPTO Rule 10.18(b).

Request For "Direction"

Finally, you requested "direction" in how to proceed before the TTAB. As a frequent party to proceedings before the TTAB during the past ten years, you have been informed repeatedly about how the TTAB expects proceedings to be conducted. In the past, you have often ignored the direction given you by the TTAB, in the form of information or reprimand, or have found a way to side step such direction with improper or bad faith conduct.

The USPTO provides information to parties and the public electronically in a user-friendly format. The Trademark Act, the rules of practice in matters before the TTAB, The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (2d ed. rev. 2004), and answers to frequently asked questions are all available for viewing and downloading at www.uspto.gov. While an individual may represent himself or herself (or a business in which he or she is an officer or partner) before the USPTO, see Patent and Trademark Rule 10.14(e), the TTAB "strongly recommend[s]" that a party be represented by an "attorney familiar with trademark law." TBMP §114.01 (2d ed. rev. 2004). Those who choose to represent themselves occasionally call the TTAB with questions and are provided procedural information. Overall, after being directed to the TBMP, they abide by the rules. Thus, there is no reason for the USPTO to conclude that the explanations provided in the TBMP are too complicated for pro se litigants, particularly for ones with an extensive history of practice before the TTAB.

Consequently, the TTAB's "direction" to you will remain the same that it has been for many years and the same as that given to other litigants representing themselves: engage an experienced trademark lawyer. Failing that, read and follow the applicable statute, rules, and cases and consult the TBMP for guidance.

Potential for Imposition of Broader Sanctions

The applicable rules permit broader sanctions. For instance, the USPTO considered whether to bar you permanently from filing

extension requests or to require that you be represented by an attorney with respect to any future Board matter, not just requests for extensions of time to oppose. At this time, the USPTO has restricted the sanctions imposed herein to those closely related to your recent misconduct and, it believes, the minimum necessary to prevent such misconduct in the future. Nonetheless, the question of broader sanctions will be revisited if you commit further improprieties in proceedings before the TTAB.

So ordered.

/signed/

J. David Sams Chief Administrative Trademark Judge Trademark Trial and Appeal Board United States Patent and Trademark Office

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CENTRAL MFG. CO. (INC.), (a Delaware Corporation)
P.O. Box 35189
Chicago, Illinois 60707-0189

Opposer,

Trademark:

GOOGLE

Opposer,

Application SN:

76-314,811

V.

Int. Class No:

28

GOOGLE, INC.

(a Delaware corporation) 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway Building 41

Mountain View, CA 94043

Filed:

September 18, 2001

Published:

November 1, 2005

Applicant.

TTAB/FEE (IN TRIPLICATE)

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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

- 1. In the matter of first use Application SN: 76-314,811, for the mark GOOGLE, in International Class 28 for toys and sporting equipment, namely plastic exercise balls, the Opposer states as follows:
- 2. The Opposer has standing and has filed a valid intent to use application for the mark GOOGLE in International Class 28 for sporting goods.
- 3. The Opposer sent correspondence to Google, Inc. on *November 29, 2005*. A true and correct copy is attached hereto.
- 4. The Opposer sent correspondence to Applicant's counsel, Michael T. Zeller, Esq. on January 26, 2006 and January 29, 2006. Applicant's counsel responded to Opposer's correspondence on January 26, 2006, January 27, 2006 and February 17, 2006. See true and correct copies attached hereto.
- 5. The trademark proposed for registration by the Applicant, namely GOOGLE, is applied to similar goods as those sold by Opposer and so nearly resemble the Opposer's mark

as to be likely to confuse therewith and mistake therefore.

- 6. The Applicant's mark GOOGLE is identical to Opposer's GOOGLE mark so as to cause confusion and lead to deception as to the origin of Applicant's goods bearing the Applicant's mark.
- 7. If the Applicant is permitted to use and register GOOGLE for its goods, as specified in the application herein opposed, confusion in trade resulting in damage and injury to the Opposer would be caused and would result by reason of the similarity between the Applicant's mark and the Opposer's mark. Persons familiar with Opposer's mark GOOGLE would be likely to buy Applicant's goods as and for a service sold by the Opposer. Any such confusion in trade inevitably would result in loss of sales to the Opposer. Furthermore, any defect, objection or fault found with Applicant's goods marketed under its GOOGLE mark would necessarily reflect upon and seriously injure the reputation which the Opposer has established for its products merchandised under its GOOGLE marks for over 20 years.
- 8. If the Applicant were granted the registration herein opposed, it would thereby obtain at least a *prima facie* exclusive right to the use of its mark. Such registration would be a source of damage and injury to the Opposer.
- 9. The Opposer, located in Chicago, Illinois, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark GOOGLE shown in Application SN 76-314,811 and hereby opposes same. The Opposer engages in an aggressive licensing program of the mark GOOGLE, as well known to the Applicant.
- 10. The Opposer offers its *GOOGLE* mark to license on a wide variety of collateral merchandise.
- 11. If the Applicant is permitted to register the mark, and thereby, the *prima facie* exclusive right to use in commerce the mark GOOGLE on the goods licensed and sold by the Opposer, confusion is likely to result from any concurrent use of Opposer's mark GOOGLE and that of the Applicant's alleged mark GOOGLE, all to the great detriment of Opposer.
- Purchasers are likely to consider the goods of the Applicant sold under the mark GOOGLE as emanating from the Opposer, and purchase such goods as those of the Opposer, resulting in loss of sales to Opposer.

13. Applicant's mark GOOGLE, when used on or in connection with the goods and/or services of the Applicant, is merely descriptive or deceptively misdescriptive of the goods.

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- 14. Applicant's mark GOOGLE, when used on or in connection with the goods and/or services of the Applicant, is generic.
- 15. Upon information and belief, said application was obtained fraudulently in that the formal application papers filed by Applicant, under notice of §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code stated that Applicant had a valid intent to use date. Said statement was false. Said false statement was made with the knowledge and belief that it was false, with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration in that the Applicant, at the time it filed its said application and declaration were in fact an invalid intent to use date.
- 16. Upon information and belief, said application was obtained *fraudulently* in that the formal application papers filed by Applicant, under notice of §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code stated that Applicant had a valid use in commerce when Applicant filed its Trademark application on *September 16*, 1999. Applicant had no valid use in commerce.
- 17. Upon information and belief, the Applicant has no evidence to establish a valid intent to use in commerce.
- 18. Upon information and belief, the Applicant has no evidence to establish a valid "use" date in commerce.
- 19. Applicant's use application was a fraud in that Applicant had no evidence to establish a valid use in commerce.
- 20. Applicant's said use statement was a false statement and was made with the knowledge and belief that it was false, with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration as well known to the Applicant.
- 21. Upon information and belief, said statement of use of the mark GOOGLE on the services in question, was made by an authorized agent of Applicant with the knowledge and belief that said statements was false. Said false statements were made with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration.

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- Applicant's mark GOOGLE was not applied for according to its correct type¹, 22. as shown in its said application.
- Applicant mutilated its alleged mark during the 2006 Winter Olympics on the 23. internet, and is not entitled to registration. See a true and correct copy of an exhibit attached hereto.
- Upon information and belief, the Applicant was not the owner of the mark for 24. which the registration is requested².
- Upon information and belief, applicant's use application was signed with the 25. knowledge that another party had a right to use the mark in commerce on the same or similar goods.
- Concurrent use of the mark GOOGLE by the Applicant and GOOGLE by the 26. Opposer may result in irreparable damage to Opposer's Marketing and/or Trademark Licensing Program, reputation and goodwill.
- If the Applicant is permitted to obtain a registration of the mark GOOGLE, a 27. cloud will be placed on Opposer's title in and to its trademark, GOOGLE, and on its right to enjoy the free and exclusive use thereof in connection with the sale of its goods and/or services, and on its Trademark Licensing Program, all to the great injury of the Opposer.
- Upon information and belief, Applicant's use Application was signed with the 28. knowledge that another party had a right to use the mark in commerce.
 - Upon information and belief, the Applicant has abandoned the mark GOOGLE. 29.
- The registration to Applicant of the mark GOOGLE shown in the aforesaid 30. application is likely to and will result in financial and other injury and damage to the Opposer in its business and in its enjoyment of its established rights in and to its said mark GOOGLE.

^{1.} See §108 of the TMEP, page 100-5, Registration As Correct Type of Mark - It is important that a mark be registered according to its correct type, if it is not, the registration may be subject to cancellation. See National Trailways Bus System v. Trailway Van Lines, Inc., 222 F. Supp 143, 139 USPQ 54 (E.D.N.Y. 1963), and 269 F. Supp. 352, 155 USPQ 507 (E.D.N.Y. 1965).

^{2.} See Huang v. Tzu Wei Chen Food Co. Ltd., 849 F.2d 1458, 7 USPQ2d 1335 (Fed. Cir. 1988). See TMEP §§706.01 and 802.06 §1 of the Trademark Act 15 U.S.C. §1051.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that the said Application for the trademark GOOGLE be denied, that no registration be issued thereon to Applicant, and that this Notice of Opposition be sustained in favor of the Opposer and that Opposer is entitled to judgment.

The Opposer prays for such other and further relief as may be deemed by the Director of Patents and Trademarks to be just and proper.

Enclosed is \$300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Stoller Pres CENTRAL MFG. CO., Opposer Trademark & Licensing Dept.

P.O. Box 35189

Chicago, Illinois 60707-0189 773 283-3880 FAX 708 453-0083

Dated: March 1, 2006

DECLARATION

The undersigned, Leo Stoller, declares that he is an individual and Director and President of CENTRAL MFG. CO., a Service Mark Application SN 78/782,064 and trademark and d/b/a for Central Mfg. Inc., A/K/A Central Manufacturing Inc., a Delaware Corporation registered to do business as Central Mfg Co., of Illinois A/K/A Central Manufacturing Co., founded and operated by Leo Stoller as such, is authorized to execute this document on its behalf, that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: March 1, 2006

Leo Stoller, President CENTRAL MFG. CO.

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Opposition is being sent by Express Mail No: EQ 014137445 US with the U.S. Postal Service in an Express Mail envelope addressed to:

Box TTAB / FEE

Commissioner of Trademarks

P.O. Box 1451

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1451

Leo Stoller

Date: March 1, 2006

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARI BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL DOWN

CENTRAL MFG. CO. (INC.), (a Delaware Corporation) 7115 W. North Avenue #272 Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Petitioner.

Trademark:

GOOGLE

Registration No:

2,806,075

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Int. Class No:

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GOOGLE, INC.

(a Delaware corporation) 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway

Building 41

Mountain View, CA 94043

Filed:

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Respondent.

TTAB / FEE (IN TRIPLICATE)

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PETITION FOR CANCELLATION

- This is a proceeding for cancellation of the United States Trademark 1. Registration No. 2,806,075 brought by CENTRAL MFG. CO, ("Petitioner"). The subject registration is for the purported trademark "Google" (the mark) owned by Respondent, GOOGLE, INC. ("Respondent,").
- 2. In the matter of Registration No. 2,806,075, for the mark GOOGLE, in International Class 42 for computer services, namely, providing software interfaces available over a network in order to create a personalized on-line information service; extraction and retrieval of information and data mining by means of global computer networks; creating indexes of information, indexes of web sites and indexes of other information sources in connection with global computer networks; providing information from searchable indexes and databases of information, including test, electronic documents, databases, graphics and audio visual information, by means of global computer information networks, the Petitioner states as follows:

STANDING

- 3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §2.111(b), the Petitioner asserts that it has standing to file this Petition for Cancellation proceeding because the Petitioner asserts that it will be damaged by the Registration sought to be cancelled. The Petitioner has filed Notice of Opposition number 91170256 to Respondent's pending trademark Application SN: 76-314,811 for the mark GOOGLE.
- 4. The Petitioner holds Common Law rights in and to the mark GOOGLE for use on sporting goods products and offers the mark GOOGLE for trademark license to third parties. The Petitioner asserts that it will be damaged by registration of the mark GOOGLE. See attached true and correct copies of correspondence from GOOGLE's attorneys to the Petitioner.

GROUNDS FOR CANCELLATION

- 5. As specifically amended by the Trademark Law Revision Act of 1988, §14 of the Trademark Act provides for the cancellation of a registration of a mark at any time if the mark becomes the generic name for the goods or services, or a portion thereof, for which it is registered ... 15 U.S.C. §1064(3).
- 6. The Respondent, GOOGLE, INC., is the leading computer internet search EXH engine. The Respondent's mark GOOGLE has become a generic term for the goods and/or services provided by the Respondent. See true and correct copies of dictionary definitions of the GOOGLE mark.
 - 7. Respondent's mark, GOOGLE, is now included in the dictionary. EXH
- 8. Respondent's GOOGLE mark has become generic term for the goods and/or services covered under the registered mark. EXH 2
- 9. Respondent has attempted to perpetrate a fraud on the public by having its representatives contact dictionaries in order to change the lexicon.
- 10. Respondent's representatives have written letters to companies that print dictionaries and other sources in an attempt to unlawfully persuade the said companies and/or individuals not to use the word GOOGLE as a generic term. Such conduct represents a

knowing and willful fraud perpetrated by the Respondent on the American public in order to change the lexicon which now includes Google as a generic term. EXA

- Respondent has abandoned its GOOGLE mark through a program of naked 11. licensing. EXH 3
- 12. The Respondent has abandoned its GOOGLE mark through a process of mutilation of the GOOGLE mark. See attached true and correct copies of GOOGLE's program for mutilating its Federal Trademark Registration. EXH
- The Respondent has abandoned its GOOGLE mark through a process of 13. allowing third parties to mutilate its trademark. See attached true and correct copies of third party mutilation. **BXH** 5
- Respondent has abandoned its mark because its mark fails to function as a mark 14. and/or is purely ornamental. See attached true and correct copies of Respondent's depictions of its ornamental mark.
 - 15. The Petitioner licenses and/or offers to license the mark GOOGLE.
- 16. The Respondent's mark, GOOGLE, is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception in the buying public or cause the public to believe that there is a connection between the parties, or a sponsorship of Respondent's goods by Petitioner.
- Respondent's mark GOOGLE, when used on or in connection with the goods of 17. the Respondent, is descriptive or deceptively misdescriptive of the goods.
- Upon information and belief, said application was obtained fraudulently in that 18. the formal application papers filed by Respondent, under notice of §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code stated that Respondent had a valid first use date. Said statement was false. Said false statement was made with the knowledge and belief that it was false, with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration in that the Respondent, at the time it filed its said application and declaration were in fact an invalid first use date.
- Upon information and belief, said application was obtained fraudulently in that 19. the formal application papers filed by Respondent, under notice of §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code stated that Respondent had a valid first use in commerce when Respondent

filed its Trademark application on September 16, 1999. Respondent had no valid first use in commerce on the date asserted in the said application.

- 20. Upon information and belief, the Respondent has no evidence to establish a valid first use date.
- 21. Upon information and belief, the Respondent has no evidence to establish a valid first use in commerce date.
- 22. Respondent's use application was a fraud in that Respondent had no use on some or all of the said goods listed therein bearing the mark GOOGLE on the first use date, as well known to the Respondent.
- Respondent's said first use statement was a false statement and was made with 23. the knowledge and belief that it was false, with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration as well known to the Respondent.
- Upon information and belief, said first use of the mark GOOGLE on the goods in question, was made by an authorized agent of Respondent with the knowledge and belief that said statements was false. Said false statements were made with the intent to induce authorized agents of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant said registration.
- 25. Respondent's mark GOOGLE was not applied for according to its correct type¹, as shown in its said application.
- 26. Upon information and belief, the Respondent was not the owner of the mark for which the registration is requested².
- Upon information and belief, Respondent's first use application was signed with 27. the knowledge that another party had a right to use the mark in commerce on the same or similar goods.

^{1.} See §108 of the TMEP, page 100-5, Registration As Correct Type of Mark - It is important that a mark be registered according to its correct type, if it is not, the registration may be subject to cancellation. See National Trailways Bus System v. Trailway Van Lines, Inc., 222 F. Supp 143, 139 USPQ 54 (E.D.N.Y. 1963), and 269 F. Supp. 352, 155 USPQ 507 (E.D.N.Y. 1965).

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- 28. Concurrent use of the mark GOOGLE by the Respondent and GOOGLE by the Petitioner results in irreparable damage to Petitioner's marketing and/or Trademark Licensing Program, reputation and goodwill.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Respondent's first use application was signed with the knowledge that another party had a right to use the mark in commerce.
- 30. Respondent's mark GOOGLE will likely result in financial injury and damage to the Petitioner in its business and in its enjoyment of its established rights in and to its said mark GOOGLE.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that Respondent's Registration No. 2,806,075, for the trademark GOOGLE be cancelled, and that this Petition for Cancellation be sustained in favor of the Petitioner and that the Petitioner is entitled to judgment.

Petitioner hereby gives notice under Rule of Practice that after hearing and in any appeal on this cancellation proceeding, it will rely on its large family of GOOGLE registrations and applications incorporated herein and all of the goods and services listed and covered thereunder, in support of this Petition for Cancellation.

The Petitioner prays for such other and further relief as may be deemed by the Director of Patents and Trademarks to be just and proper.

Enclosed is \$300.00.

Respectfully sub

CENTRAL MFG. CO., Petitioner Trademark & Licensing Dept. 7115 W. North Avenue #272

Oak Park, Illinois 60302

(773) 589-0340 FAX: (773) 589-0915

Dated: April 18, 2006

DECLARATION

The undersigned, Leo Stoller, declares that he is an individual and Director and President of CENTRAL MFG. CO., a Service Mark Application SN 78/782,064 and trademark and d/b/a for Central Mfg. Inc., a/k/a Central Manufacturing Inc., a Delaware Corporation registered to do business as Central Mfg Co., of Illinois A/K/A Central Manufacturing Co., founded and operated by Leo Stoller as such, is authorized to execute this document on its behalf, that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code. Central Mfg. Co. hold rights and relies upon the attached Federal Trademark Registration numbers herein in support of this Petition for Cancellation.

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Date: April 18, 2006

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that the foregoing *Petition for Cancellation* is being sent with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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P.O. Box 1451
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Leo Stoller

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The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC (substituted for Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.) as party plaintiff)

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Google Inc.

By the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

On April 23, 2008, Leo Stoller filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. The motion has been fully briefed.

Regardless of the outcome of Mr. Stoller's motion to intervene in the civil action styled Google, Inc. v. Central Mfg. Inc. and Stealth Industries, Inc., Case No. 07 C 0385, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, there is no provision for intervention by outside parties in Board proceedings. See Lukens, Inc. v. Vesper Corporation, 1 USPQ2d 1299, 1301 (TTAB 1986). Accordingly, the motion to intervene is denied.

On September 6, 2007, The Society for the Prevention of Trademark Abuse, LLC filed: 1) a motion to be substituted as party plaintiff in this case; and 2) a withdrawal of all

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pending motions in this case and of the opposition with prejudice. The Board will first consider Society's motion to be substituted as party plaintiff herein. A copy of a document reflecting the assignment of the assets of Mr. Stoller, including all stock in Central Mfg. Co. (Inc.) ("Central"), from Richard M. Fogel as Trustee of the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Estate of Mr. Stoller to Society was submitted as an exhibit to Society's motion to be substituted. Another copy of that document is recorded with the USPTO's Assignment Branch at Reel 3605, Frame 0494. See TBMP Section 512.01 (2d ed. rev. 2004). Because applicant does not object to the substitution sought and the assignment in question involves all the assets of Central, that motion is granted as well-taken and as conceded. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Society is hereby substituted for Central as the party plaintiff herein.

On September 3, 2007, Mr. Stoller filed with the Board a copy of the disciplinary complaint that he filed on September 3, 2007 with the USPTO's Office of Enrollment and Discipline. However, such filing does not warrant further delay of this proceeding.

In view of the withdrawal of the petition to cancel with prejudice that Society filed, the petition is dismissed with prejudice. All pending matters herein are moot.

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A copy of this order has been sent to respondent and the following parties:

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Leo Stoller Central Mfg. Co. 7115 W. North Avenue, #272 Oak Park, IL 60302

Janice A. Alwin, counsel for trustee Shaw, Gussis, Fishman, Glanz, Wolfson & Towbin LLC 321 N. Clark Street, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60610 Department of State: Division of Corporations

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Incorporation Date / 06/01/1987 File Number: 2127766 Formation Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) CENTRAL MFG. INC. Entity Type: CORPORATION **GENERAL** DE DOMESTIC State: Residency: DISSOLVED Status Date: 01/29/2008

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

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State: DE Postal Code: 19904

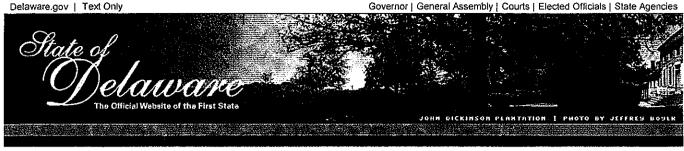
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CORPORATION **GENERAL** Entity Kind: Entity Type:

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Status Date: DISSOLVED 04/24/2008 Status:

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The information here in is made on personal knowledge and the affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated herein. Leo Stoller states that the attached computer search is true and accurate. The search was performed on May 15, 2006, I performed a "google" search by typing "google is a verb" at the Google search

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