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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Alexandria Division

TRIANTAFYLLOS TAFAS)
Plaintiff,)
V.)) 1:07cv846(JCC/TRJ)
JON. W. DUDAS, et al.)
Defendants.)
C	ONSOLIDATED WITH
SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPO	RATION, et al.)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) 1:07cv1008(JCC/TRJ)
JON W. DUDAS, et al.)
Defendants)

MOTION OF AMICUS CURIAE AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A BRIEF ON THE ISSUE OF RETROACTIVITY OF THE NEW RULES

The American Intellectual Property Law Association ("AIPLA") moves for leave to file its brief as *amicus curiae* explaining why the new Rules are impermissibly retroactive.

AIPLA is a national association founded more than 100 years ago and is now comprised of more than 17,000 members interested in all areas of intellectual property law. AIPLA members include attorneys employed in private practice and by corporations, universities and government. AIPLA members represent both owners and users of intellectual property across

the entire business spectrum, from very large corporations to individual inventors and in essentially all areas of technology. AIPLA has long been involved in advocacy of positions adopted by its Board of Directors as amicus curiae before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Supreme Court, as well as, on rare occasions, before state and federal district courts. AIPLA has also been a long-time leader in the area of professional development for members of the intellectual property community. The full scope and extent of the AIPLA's activities is contained in its website at www.aipla.org. AIPLA has no stake in any of the parties to this litigation or the results of this case, other than its interest in ensuring enacted regulations are consistent with applicable law.

AIPLA wishes to submit a brief addressing how the retroactive impact of the new Rules will adversely impact inventors and innovation and thus should be declared void, but expresses no opinion on the prospective impact of the new Rules. AIPLA believes it possesses special information and a unique perspective on this issue not otherwise available to the Court, because of, among other things, its long involvement and focus on patents and patent law, inputs routinely provided from many of its 17,000 members (a significant percentage of whom are patent practitioners) during meetings and throughout the year and its many committees dealing with intellectual property law. AIPLA plans to file its brief by December 20, 2007 in accordance with the briefing schedule set by this Court.

AIPLA is authorized to state that counsel for the GSK Plaintiffs in C.A. No. 1:07cv 1008 and for Mr. Tafas in C.A. No. 1:07cv846 have consented to the filing of this brief. Counsel for Defendants advised the undersigned that Defendants express no position on the instant motion. In light of the parties' views on this motion for leave, as well as the previous approval in this

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case of AIPLA's request to file an *amicus* brief in support of the GSK Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunctive relief, no hearing is requested on this motion for leave.

Accompanying this motion is AIPLA's supporting memorandum which sets forth more fully the grounds for its request for leave. A proposed Order also is submitted herewith.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein and for good cause shown, AIPLA requests that the Court grant its motion for leave to file its *amicus* brief in support of the Plaintiffs in these consolidated actions.

Respectfully submitted,

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