

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

TRANTAFYLLOS TAFAS,)
)
Plaintiff,)

v.)

Civil Action No. 1:07cv846 (JCC/TRJ)

JON W. DUDAS, in his official capacity as)
Under-Secretary of Commerce for)
Intellectual Property and Director of the)
United States Patent and Trademark Office,)
and)

UNITED STATES PATENT AND)
TRADEMARK OFFICE,)
)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned case and *SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al. v. Jon W. Dudas, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:07cv1008 (CMH/TRJ), are related actions. The cases involve the same defendants and contain overlapping issues of fact and law, as both actions present legal challenges to the final rules published by the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 72 Fed. Reg. 46716 (Aug. 21, 2007). The same administrative record filed on October 5, 2007 in the above-captioned case (Dkt. Nos. 21 & 22) is applicable to the *SmithKline Beecham Corp.* case. Moreover, the Complaint in the *SmithKline Beecham Corp.* action references the above-captioned case and incorporates pleadings filed by the defendants in the above-captioned case. See *SmithKline Beecham Corp* Compl. ¶ 10, p. 14 n.1, Ex. A.

In the interest of judicial economy, the Clerk’s Office may see fit to have the cases heard by the same judge.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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