

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91170857
Cancellation No. 92046253

Autodesk, Inc.

v.

SolidWorks Corporation

Opposition No. 91174972
Opposition No. 91175197

SolidWorks Corporation

v.

Autodesk, Inc.

Ann Linnehan, Attorney

The motion (filed September 19, 2008) to suspend the proceeding pending final determination of a civil action involving the parties is hereby granted as conceded. See Trademark Rules 2.127(a) and 2.117(a).

Accordingly, proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action involving the parties.

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the parties shall so notify the Board and

call this case up for any appropriate action. During the suspension period, the parties shall notify the Board of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>