

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

UATP IP, LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

SLICK SLIDE LLC,

Patent Owner.

Case PGR2024-00054 (US Patent No. 11,998,854)

**TELEPHONIC HEARING BEFORE THE
PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

JUDGE PANEL:

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3 MR. SCHATZ: Good morning, Your Honor. This
4 is Brett Schatz and Lou Sitler for the patent owner.

5 JUDGE WEATHERLY: Okay.

6 MR. DEUTSCH: Good morning, Your Honor. This
7 is Craig Deutsch for Petitioner, UATP IP. With me is
8 Karl Renner and Tom Rozyłowicz. I believe we have a
9 court reporter on the line as well.

10 THE REPORTER: We do, Counsel. Tamara
11 Houston.

12 JUDGE WEATHERLY: And as petitioner, does that
13 mean that you've retained the court reporter?

14 MR. DEUTSCH: Yes, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE WEATHERLY: So I also have Judges Kalan
16 and Range on the line with me.

17 It's good to hear your voices again after our
18 recent hearing.

19 This case has been very interesting on the
20 issue that we're going to discuss today allowing
21 changes.

22 I've noted that the briefing for Patent
23 Owner's motion for additional discovery was originally
24 scheduled to have been -- hang on one second. Someone
25 else is trying to come in. I'm going to admit them and

1 find out -- who else did we just have join us? This is
2 Judge Weatherly asking.

3 MR. RENNER: Hi, Judge, this is Karl Renner
4 from Fish --

5 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I thought you
6 had been on the line previously, Mr. Renner. Good to
7 have you.

8 So back to the motion for additional
9 discovery. The original order setting the briefing
10 schedule for that motion had the last brief to have been
11 filed yesterday. My apologies for not remembering that
12 yesterday was a holiday.

13 But I've also noticed -- looking at the
14 docket -- that because Patent Owner didn't file a reply
15 brief on February 9th, that essentially that motion is
16 ripe for a decision.

17 I mention all this to confirm with the parties
18 that my understanding is correct, that that motion for
19 additional discovery is now ripe for a decision.

20 Anyone want to say anything about that? How
21 about Patent Owner first. We'll hear from Patent Owner
22 first.

23 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you, Your Honor. This is
24 Brett Schatz for Patent Owner.

25 We believe we did file a reply on Friday --

1 I'm sorry, Monday of last week.

2 THE COURT: Okay. I'll have another look at
3 the docket. Give me a second.

4 I don't have anything in the docket indicating
5 that that was -- that had been filed. Last paper filed
6 in the docket that I have access to is January 30th,
7 Petitioner's motion to seal.

8 Please follow up on that.

9 MR. SCHATZ: Your Honor, this is Brett Schatz
10 again. We have Docket Number 39 that we were able to
11 call up, even though we're in a conference room. And so
12 we do believe that Docket 39 does reflect Patent Owner's
13 reply brief.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Well, the docket I have
15 access to ends at paper number 30, so it looks like I
16 have some investigating to do on my end to figure out
17 what's going on.

18 Petitioner, are you aware of a reply having
19 been filed?

20 MR. DEUTSCH: We were served with the reply,
21 Your Honor, and so we are planning to file our sur-reply
22 today.

23 THE COURT: Today? Okay. All right. All
24 right. Well, that's good to know. And as I said, I
25 have some investigating to do now on my end. So I will

1 do that.

2 Law has changed quite a bit since that
3 opposition to that motion for additional discovery was
4 filed, as I'm sure everyone is aware.

5 And it leaves us trying to -- well, Patent
6 Owner, I understand you are now seeking -- you are now
7 seeking authorization to file a motion to terminate the
8 proceeding, correct?

9 MR. SCHATZ: Brett Schatz for the Patent
10 Owner, Your Honor.

11 That is correct. Yes.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And how does the discovery
13 that you had been seeking in the motion for additional
14 discovery interplay with a motion to terminate, if at
15 all, in your view?

16 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Again,
17 Brett Schatz for the Patent Owner.

18 Effectively, we believe that there are two
19 independent bases for dismissal.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. SCHATZ: First is the fact that Petitioner
22 did file updated mandatory notices; and under the Aylo
23 Freesites sua sponte review from Director Squires, that
24 fact requires that the petition be given a new filing
25 date and that new filing date would, of course, be

1 outside the nine-month window allowed for PGRs.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. SCHATZ: And separately and completely
4 independent is we believe that discovery will show that
5 there was, in fact, an RPI that was not timely
6 identified and for that reason and for a similar basis,
7 but an independent reason, that the petition should be
8 dismissed. But we are bringing this issue now because
9 there's no discovery required for the first basis for
10 dismissal.

11 THE COURT: Well, that sort of implies that
12 you'd like to be able to file a motion to terminate in
13 two stages, or are you saying you have no need to pursue
14 the second theory for dismissal?

15 MR. SCHATZ: Again, Brett Schatz for the
16 Patent Owner.

17 I am not saying that there is not a desire to
18 retain our arguments on both independent bases.

19 What we are suggesting that according to
20 Director Squires' Aylo Freesites decision, it is not
21 proper as a matter of law for this petition to be
22 continued to be considered; and, therefore, a motion to
23 dismiss on that basis alone should be presented for
24 review by the board.

25 THE COURT: Okay. So let me make sure I

1 understand your request for authorization then.

2 Is it request for authorization to file a
3 motion related only to the first of the two theories
4 that you described a moment ago?

5 MR. SCHATZ: Brett Schatz for the Patent
6 Owner.

7 That is correct, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Petitioner, I'm just going
9 to give you the floor so that you can make your
10 contribution to the current discussion. If I have
11 specific questions, I'll follow up. As everybody knows,
12 I don't hesitate to ask questions.

13 Go ahead.

14 MR. DEUTSCH: Great. Thank you, Your Honor.
15 This is Craig Deutsch for Petitioner.

16 So there's a couple points I want to make
17 here, Your Honor, and that is the request is based on a
18 mischaracterization of the record, first, and a
19 mischaracterization of where the law stands today.

20 First, it's based on a flawed factual premise
21 that the mandatory notices are correct and defects in
22 the Petitioner's original listing of RPIs. Patent Owner
23 and the --

24 (Court reporter addressed audio issues.)

25 MR. DEUTSCH: So, Your Honor, Patent Owner

1 calls -- calls it a correction, but that's not what the
2 updated mandatory notices are. Only change is --
3 addressing problems as far as defects are corrections.
4 Others, as here, are updates. And this is something
5 that the record consistently reflected.

6 Petitioner consistently maintained that the
7 RPI set up in the petition was accurate at the time of
8 filing. It remains accurate to this day, that the
9 November mandatory notices were admitted as a matter of
10 efficiently resolving Patent Owner's concerns taking an
11 issue off the table to focus on the merits and validity
12 and avoid unnecessary legal process. And that's
13 something that was expressly stated when they were
14 filed.

15 In the reply, Petitioner noted that Petitioner
16 disputes any suggestion that the petition did not
17 properly identify all RPIs, as at pages 35 and 36 of the
18 reply.

19 On our December board call, the same thing.
20 December 4th, Petitioner explained that the petition was
21 correct, remains correct, in its listing of RPIs. And,
22 again, on December 22nd, again reiterating that all RPIs
23 were properly named in the petition and that the
24 mandatory notices served were sufficiently resolved,
25 what ultimately is a nonissue here as to Exhibit 1079.

1 And so Patent Owner's position is just
2 factually incorrect in -- in adjusting that the
3 mandatory notices are a correction or some kind of
4 admission or concession of defects at the time of
5 filing. That's just not the case.

6 THE COURT: I understand.

7 MR. DEUTSCH: And second -- and I can -- if
8 there's a question, I can address it. Otherwise, second
9 I'll talk about kind of where the law stands on this.

10 THE COURT: Well, actually, it's interesting.
11 I have many, many, many questions actually for both
12 parties. Not sure that my questions, though, are
13 appropriate for this particular hall.

14 I understand Petitioner, you to be saying that
15 the filing of the mandatory notices is not a statement
16 that any of the entities named on that notice are, in
17 fact, RPIS in the sense that they control or ever have
18 controlled the petition or any other of the sort of
19 common law types of bases for concluding that an entity
20 should have been named as an RPI from the beginning.

21 The law for the effect of -- the law regarding
22 the effect of the updated mandatory notice and whether
23 it removes certain kinds of issues from dispute, it has
24 been something of a -- let's just say it hasn't been --
25 the ground is changing under our feet on that topic.

1 And I'm sure you would have a lot more to say about it
2 if we were to authorize a motion in your opposition,
3 which is maybe the appropriate place for that to be
4 communicated.

5 Obviously, we're not going to decide a motion
6 to terminate in this call. All I'm really attempting to
7 do is determine whether it's appropriate right now to
8 authorize such a motion.

9 Mr. Deutsch, are you trying to -- do you want
10 to say something?

11 MR. DEUTSCH: Again, I don't want to
12 interrupt, but I can --

13 THE COURT: Sure.

14 MR. DEUTSCH: -- respond to --

15 THE COURT: Sure.

16 MR. DEUTSCH: -- a couple of those things.

17 I think the first point, that's right,
18 Your Honor, in terms of the lack of confession or
19 admission about a defect in the petition and -- by
20 submitting mandatory notices. And that's -- the
21 corollary to that point is the bases like Aylo and
22 Corning that are being discussed here, all are premised
23 on looking at the state of RPI at the time of petition
24 filing and the defect; and the updated mandatory notices
25 were rightfully described as a, quote, correction,

1 because there was that defect at the time of petition
2 filing.

3 THE COURT: Right.

4 MR. DEUTSCH: Of course, we have a discovery
5 process underway that's -- that's, you know, was focused
6 on that question.

7 THE COURT: Does the motion for discovery --
8 does the motion for discovery remain on the table as a
9 dispute? I suspect that it does.

10 MR. DEUTSCH: I mean, I can offer Petitioner's
11 perspective on that. I think -- and I want to be
12 mindful of the process here. As you noted earlier, the
13 briefing is underway and concluding today. And I think
14 what you'll find is that Petitioner has been very
15 transparent and generous in the materials that have been
16 produced accounting for almost everything that's been
17 requested at this point. And so, you know, we've --
18 we've tried to provide Patent Owner with a fulsome
19 record.

20 THE COURT: Right.

21 MR. DEUTSCH: But I'll pause there noting
22 that, you know, the briefing is -- is concluding today.

23 THE COURT: Right. And I apologize. I don't
24 know what's going on with our docket. I'm a little
25 concerned, actually, that something is broken on our

1 internal system, but we'll sort it out. In some ways,
2 in my mind, I still have it as the motion being ripe for
3 a decision; but, of course, it isn't. Not until the
4 last brief is filed.

5 So, Patent Owner, I want to go back to you,
6 Mr. Schatz, and ask why should -- why should the panel
7 authorize motion on only one of two theories that you've
8 advanced for why you would be entitled to a dismissal
9 when -- when you said that you're not -- expressly not
10 waiving the second basis for a dismissal? Why shouldn't
11 we have just one motion that addresses both arguments
12 when both arguments are able to be briefed?

13 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Brett
14 Schatz for the Patent Owner.

15 The origin stems from Director Squires's clear
16 instructions, which is any petition that is corrected
17 requires according a new filing date.

18 THE COURT: Right. But you've seen already --
19 you've heard from Petitioner that that's going to be a
20 dispute whether the petition has, in fact, been,
21 quote/unquote, corrected.

22 MR. SCHATZ: Yeah.

23 THE COURT: So --

24 MR. SCHATZ: Sorry. Sorry, I was not done
25 with my comments.

1 THE COURT: Sorry. I can't see you. I wish
2 we were in the same room again, but go ahead. I'm
3 sorry.

4 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you. I apologize,
5 Your Honor.

6 The -- so with that background in mind,
7 Director Squires has made it very clear that it is
8 improper for a Petitioner that has not properly followed
9 procedures to employ the process of challenging a
10 patent.

11 And in this case Petitioner has not done so.
12 And the reason is because the mandatory notice that was
13 filed by Petitioner does, in fact, identify additional
14 RPIs that were not timely identified with the petition.
15 And we know that to be the case --

16 THE COURT: I need to stop you. I need to
17 stop you. We're not here to argue the motion. And many
18 of the things that you're saying relate to -- they may
19 be things that the panel ends up saying in a ruling.
20 They may agree with you.

21 But the procedural posture of this case, the
22 effects of the mandatory notices that were filed, the
23 way the law has changed during the course of this
24 particular proceeding on this issue, and the fact that
25 legal significance of certain kinds of filings appears

1 to have been changed by guidance from the director, to
2 me, makes it impossible, without considering briefing
3 from both sides, for the panel to agree with you that
4 directors' actions require something like a termination
5 right now or the petition to be considered, or a finding
6 that the Petitioner didn't follow the process that they
7 should have followed.

8 I prefer -- my -- my co-panelists will weigh
9 in after we get finished with this call, when we confer
10 with each other before we decide what to do. I've said
11 many times in many different places that my --
12 personally my goal for both parties is to be able to put
13 the argument in that they want to put in and have the
14 evidence that they need to support the argument. That
15 remains true.

16 What I want to try to avoid, though, is a kind
17 of a stepwise piecemeal kind of approach to resolving
18 what the disputes are.

19 So why should we do this in two stages?
20 Either -- either the patent -- either -- Patent Owner,
21 you should waive your access to the second theory for
22 termination, or we should wait until both theories can
23 be briefed so that we can get one series of briefs
24 dealing with the termination issues instead of two.

25 I realize we could do it in a piecemeal way

1 and have kind of overlapping briefing schedules on the
2 two different theories, but -- and I, of course, need to
3 get my co-panel's thoughts on this, but my thoughts
4 are -- I just don't want to have -- I don't want to make
5 this even more complicated than it already is,
6 especially given that the law may change again while
7 we're waiting for a brief to be filed.

8 In a way, Patent Owner, I think what I'm
9 saying is that my inclination is to either have you
10 limit your argument to one of these two theories or wait
11 until at least the motion for discovery is ruled upon
12 and discovery is had, if it's ordered, so that we can
13 know what the scope of the briefing is going to be on
14 the motion-to-terminate issue.

15 MR. SCHATZ: Can I respond, Your Honor?

16 THE COURT: Absolutely. I definitely want you
17 to respond. I mean, this is a conversation. So go
18 ahead.

19 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Again,
20 Brett Schatz for the Patent Owner.

21 If we go back to the Squires' October
22 memorandum, Director Squires made it very clear that if
23 there is an RPI violation, then a petition is not to be
24 considered.

25 And what -- what -- if I could finish. What

1 the Petitioner is attempting to do is get a merits
2 decision that it is not entitled to because its petition
3 is not to be considered because there is, and has been,
4 an RPI violation that requires according a new filing
5 date. And that's the impropriety here.

6 THE COURT: You're assuming -- you're assuming
7 the answer in your argument, Mr. Schatz, in a,
8 quote/unquote, violation. And I'm not sure there has
9 been a violation. And, of course, that's what the
10 briefing on a motion to terminate would address is
11 whether there has been a, quote/unquote, violation, as
12 you characterize it.

13 You've already heard from Mr. Deutsch that
14 Petitioner has arguments to demonstrate that there never
15 has been a violation, that there's never been -- there
16 was never a requirement for the Petitioner to have named
17 any other entities as RPIs, and that their updated
18 mandatory notices are simply -- were simply entered to
19 correct a defect that didn't exist. So that case would
20 proceed.

21 And when you say, by the way, Petitioner is
22 trying to obtain a decision on the merits, I presume
23 you're referring to a decision on the issues of patent
24 validity when you say "the merits"; is that correct?

25 MR. SCHATZ: Brett Schatz for the Patent

1 Owner.

2 That is correct, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Right. Right.

4 MR. SCHATZ: But -- well --

5 THE COURT: You know, there's a motion pending
6 to terminate the proceeding before the statutory
7 deadline for a motion -- for a decision on the merits.
8 Those two things, it would seem that we would either
9 have to grant a motion to terminate and not enter a
10 motion -- a decision on the merits, or enter a decision
11 on the merits while denying the motion to terminate.

12 So if a motion -- if a decision on the merits
13 is entered, it will be because the panel has concluded
14 that Petitioner is, in fact, entitled to that kind of a
15 decision.

16 MR. SCHATZ: Your Honor, if I may, because it
17 may streamline this call.

18 THE COURT: Sure. Sure.

19 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you. Again, Brett Schatz
20 for the Patent Owner.

21 Again, all Patent Owner wants to do is have
22 the opportunity to present its arguments that there has
23 been a violation; and, therefore, the petition should no
24 longer be considered.

25 THE COURT: Right. I can tell you that you

1 will have that opportunity.

2 MR. SCHATZ: And, Your Honor, thank you.

3 Again, Brett Schatz for the Patent Owner.

4 And I understand Your Honor indicated that we
5 will have a decision on that issue before there is a
6 decision on the merits; that is, the patentability
7 issue.

8 THE COURT: Correct.

9 MR. SCHATZ: Then -- Your Honor, thank you.
10 Brett Schatz, again, for the Patent Owner.

11 And if it resolves the board's concerns, we
12 are willing to address both independent bases for
13 dismissal in the same filing under the understanding
14 that that will be decided before any merits decision.
15 And, of course, if the decision is favorable to Patent
16 Owner, then there would not be a decision on the merits.

17 THE COURT: That is certainly what I endeavor
18 to do. I don't -- the statutory deadline for entering a
19 decision on the merits, I believe, off the top of my
20 head, is April 8th. Let me double check.

21 Yeah, April 8th.

22 We have some flexibility to extend that
23 deadline -- although it's rarely taken -- if that's a
24 concern of yours, Patent Owner, that you'll run out of
25 time to get your motion to terminate fully briefed.

1 We're all sort of having to make adjustments on the fly
2 as the law changes under our feet.

3 And back to my core principle of having both
4 parties having every opportunity to make the arguments
5 that they believe they are entitled to make and have the
6 evidence that they need to support the arguments.

7 Petitioner, do you have any further thoughts
8 that you want to add for the record?

9 MR. DEUTSCH: This is Craig Deutsch on behalf
10 of Petitioner. Thank you, Your Honor.

11 I'll just note, Petitioner agrees, Your Honor,
12 with the way that you've laid out the framework and next
13 steps here.

14 THE COURT: Okay. And I'll note that, for
15 example, it wouldn't make any sense for the panel to
16 issue a final written decision and then -- first of all,
17 if we were, the rules indicate that a final written
18 decision disposes of any motions that are pending. It's
19 not my practice to resolve a motion without addressing
20 the issues in the motion unless it would be apparent
21 that that would be fair.

22 So just the order of operation doesn't really
23 allow us to enter a final written decision and then
24 issue a ruling on the motion to terminate. In some
25 important sense, the panel doesn't have jurisdiction

1 over the proceeding any longer after it's entered a
2 final written decision.

3 But because I want both parties to have every
4 opportunity to make their argument, I also believe very
5 strongly that both parties are entitled to a decision on
6 the arguments that they've made.

7 So we will endeavor, as best we can, to make
8 sure that that remains true throughout the proceeding,
9 and I hope that adequately addresses any concerns you
10 have about the order of operations going on here at the
11 board on these issues.

12 MR. SCHATZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Brett
13 Schatz for the Patent Owner.

14 Then Patent Owner understands that the issue
15 that we have raised very recently -- and previously --
16 that is the independent bases for dismissal -- will be
17 addressed prior to a merits decision and --

18 THE COURT: Either prior to or concurrently
19 with. Depends on how it ends up coming out. The two
20 orders may end up -- I mean, the final written decision
21 and the ruling on the motion to terminate might end up
22 being issued on the same day, depending on how we decide
23 to adjudicate the issue.

24 And I genuinely don't know how it would come
25 out at this point. So I don't say that as -- as some

1 kind of hint about where it's going. The law's
2 changing. I -- I endeavor, as best I can, follow the
3 laws that exist when I'm deciding, so it may end up
4 coming out on the same day.

5 But what won't happen is a final written
6 decision be entered without addressing your desire to
7 want to resolve your argument about a motion to
8 terminate. That won't happen.

9 MR. SCHATZ: And, Your Honor, Brett Schatz for
10 Patent Owner again.

11 I very much appreciate the clarification,
12 but --

13 THE COURT: Sure.

14 MR. SCHATZ: -- not to put too fine a point on
15 it, but I'm going to do it anyway. Just to confirm,
16 then, our understanding is that if the -- any basis for
17 dismissal is favorable to Patent Owner, then while it
18 might be in the same decision as the merits, then the
19 merits decision would not adjudicate or make a
20 determination regarding patentability because in that
21 event or that hypothetical, the motion to terminate or
22 dismiss would be -- have found favorable to Patent
23 Owner?

24 THE COURT: If you're entitled to dismissal,
25 you will get a dismissal, and there will be no final

1 written decision. You're not -- if you're not entitled
2 to a dismissal, explain why, and we'll enter a final
3 written decision.

4 MR. SCHATZ: Your Honor, Brett Schatz for
5 Patent Owner. Thank you for, again, putting a very fine
6 point on it.

7 I would just then ask the board what Patent
8 Owner can do to facilitate the board's evaluation of
9 this issue and a briefing schedule that accommodates the
10 board's very busy schedule.

11 THE COURT: Well, it would probably be
12 worthwhile for the parties to discuss those questions
13 among themselves. I will tell you that as soon as the
14 motion for additional discovery is ripe for a decision,
15 meaning the briefing is complete and I have access to
16 the briefing, it will be the next thing I work on, and
17 we'll try to get that resolved.

18 That might be relevant for what kind of
19 briefing schedule is proper and appropriate for a motion
20 to terminate. It might not be. And I would say that
21 the parties should consult with each other about the
22 logistics of that briefing.

23 Petitioner, so that you know, seems -- it's
24 apparent to me that at some point the panel should
25 authorize a motion to terminate. So that's coming.

1 Parties are much more attuned to the deadlines and the
2 schedule and the other commitments that you have in
3 other cases to be able to propose a briefing schedule
4 that satisfies all the needs of each party than the
5 panel is.

6 So I would ask that the parties go and work on
7 that and perhaps report back. It might be even as
8 simple as the parties have agreed to a briefing schedule
9 for a motion to terminate as follows.

10 Patent Owner, you may need to wait for some
11 discovery. I haven't studied the briefing on the motion
12 for additional discovery sufficiently to know whether --
13 it seems that the Petitioner put in quite a bit of
14 evidence in its reply.

15 Having not seen your -- Patent Owner, your
16 reply in support of your motion for additional discovery
17 or Petitioner's sur-reply, I don't know what the current
18 state of that dispute is. And I shouldn't comment on it
19 for that reason.

20 But stay in touch with us. You've done a good
21 job -- both parties have done a good job of doing that
22 to date. Keep doing that, and we'll sort it out.

23 Is that useful or clear enough? Does either
24 party have any questions remaining?

25 MR. SCHATZ: Your Honor, Brett Schatz for

1 Patent Owner.

2 Thank you very much for your prompt
3 consideration. And we have the clarification that we
4 require. Thank you very much.

5 THE COURT: Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Schatz.
6 Mr. Deutsch?

7 MR. DEUTSCH: Craig Deutsch for Petitioner.
8 Understood, and thank you very much for the discussion
9 today. We will --

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 MR. DEUTSCH: -- go ahead and have the
12 transcript filed as soon as possible.

13 THE COURT: Thank you for having the court
14 reporter on the line with us. And thanks for appearing
15 for the call. And we'll adjourn.

16 (Whereupon the proceedings concluded at
17 8:07 a.m.).

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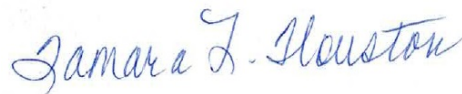
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