**NOTICE CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)**

**The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board encourages parties to consider alternative dispute resolution as a means of settling the issues raised in any opposition or cancellation proceeding. Although more than 95% of Board proceedings are decided prior to trial (by settlement or by entry of pre-trial judgment), consideration of alternative dispute resolution techniques early in a proceeding might produce a quicker, mutually agreeable resolution of a dispute or might, at least, narrow the scope of discovery or the issues for trial. In either circumstance, alternative dispute resolution might save parties time and money.**

**Many non-profit organizations, both inside and outside the intellectual property field, offer alternative dispute resolution services. Listed below are the names and addresses of organizations that have indicated that they can make arrangements for alternative dispute resolution. The listings are provided for the convenience of parties involved in cases before the Board; the Board does not sponsor or endorse any particular organization’s alternative dispute resolution services.**

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| **International Trademark Association****Telephone: (212) 642-1732****Fax: (212) 768-7796****http://www.inta.org/Mediation/Pages/Mediation.aspx****e-mail:** **cclark@inta.org** | **CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution****Telephone: (212) 949-6490****Fax: (212) 949-8859****www.cpradr.org****e-mail:** **info@cpradr.org** |
| **American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)****2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 203****Arlington, Virginia 22202****Telephone: (703) 415-0780****Fax: (703) 415-0786** | **American Arbitration Association (AAA)****Headquarters****140 West 51st Street****New York, New York 10020-1203****Telephone: (212) 484-3266****Fax: (212) 307-4387** |
| **WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center****34, chemin des Colombettes****1211 Geneva 20****Switzerland****Telephone:  +4122 338 8247**[**http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/**](http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/)**e-mail:** **arbiter.mail@wipo.int** |  |

**If parties to a Board proceeding consider using alternative dispute resolution, the Board would like to know; and if the parties actually engage in alternative dispute resolution, the Board would be interested to learn what mechanism (e.g., arbitration, mediation, etc.) was used and with what general result. Such a statement from the parties is not required but would be helpful to the Board in assessing the value of alternative dispute resolution to parties involved in Trademark Trial and Appeal Board proceedings. To report any experience with ADR, please forward a summary of the particulars to the following email address: *TTAB\_Settlement\_comments@uspto.gov*.**