

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY APPELLATE BOARD

Chennai

Urgent announcement regarding requests for adjournment of hearing (NEW)

As per Rule 18 of the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (Procedure) Rules, 2003, the application for adjournment must be made with prescribed fee fifteen days before the date of hearing. If the Demand Draft does not bear a date, fifteen days prior to the date of hearing, the Board will not accept the Form 5.

(By Order)

Deputy Registrar

9th June 2011

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It is made clear that merely by filing Form 5 and paying Rs. 1,000/- per month for adjournment of cases the advocates/parties should not be under the impression that adjournments will be given. The Board has the absolute discretion to grant or refuse adjournment and also give a shorter date for hearing the case. It is therefore made clear that after filing Form 5 and paying the necessary fees, the advocates or their representatives should be present at the Board hearing so that if the parties have any preference regarding the date of further hearing in the case, they may indicate the same in the open court. It is also made clear that once the first notice of hearing intimating the posting of the case is issued, each and every date of subsequent hearing will not be intimated by post. It is therefore advisable that a junior counsel/agent/party is present when the matter is listed.

(By Order)

Deputy Registrar

7th June 2011