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January 18, 2017

Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish
1101 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20037

Re: Second Request for Reconsideration for Refusal to Register Derivative for Distribution; Correspondence ID: 1-1GW58SF

Dear Mr. Cornish:

The Review Board of the United States Copyright Office (“Board”) has considered your second request for reconsideration of the Registration Program’s refusal to register a text claim in the work titled “Derivative for Distribution” (“Work”). After reviewing the application, deposit copy, and relevant correspondence, along with the arguments in the second request for reconsideration, the Board finds that the Work exhibits copyrightable authorship and thus may be registered.

The Work is a two-page deed filed with the City of Baltimore in which you assign rights to a plot of land to your wife in joint tenancy. The deed is marked with a stamp, indicating that it was recorded by the City of Baltimore on October 1, 2014. A reproduction of the Work is included as Appendix A.

The Board’s finding is based on the “minimal degree of creativity” required by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Feist Publ’ns, Inc. v. Rural Tel. Serv. Co.*, 499 U.S. 340, 345 (1991). Although the Work is relatively short, and many of the words and phrases included in it are standard legal language and therefore unprotectable, *see* 37 C.F.R. § 202.1(a), the original text and combination of standard legal language, taken as a whole, meets the low creativity threshold articulated in *Feist*.

The Board’s decision relates only to the Work’s specific wording and composition, and does not extend to the Work’s individual words or phrases. You thus possess only a “thin” copyright that may only protect against virtually identical copying. *See Satava v. Lowry*, 323 F.3d 805, 812 (9th Cir. 2003).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 202.5(g), this letter constitutes final agency action in this matter. The Office will register the Work and no response to this letter is necessary.

BY:

Regan A. Smith

Copyright Office Review Board

Appendix A

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I certify that on Oct. 3, 2014 I prepared this document.
Cornish D. M. Judge Cornish

WARRANTY DEED WITH FULL COVENANT

CITY OF BALTIMORE RECORDATION TAX
EXEMPT DOCUMENT
REVENUE COLLECTIONS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Carey Shivers 10/3/2014
Recordation Clerk

U.S.I.R.S. _____

THIS INDENTURE, made as of the 1st day of Oct. two thousand and fourteen,

BETWEEN C. DANIEL CORNISH, WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

CORNELL D.M. JUDGE CORNISH, party of the first part, and his wife

SARAH A. CORNISH, party of the second part, both residing at:

1101 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20037,

WITNESS, that the party of the first part, CORNELL D.M. JUDGE CORNISH, as husband of his wife, does hereby grant and convey unto his wife, SARAH A. CORNISH, as party of the second part, a joint tenancy of the entireties with full rights to their mutual heirs or successors and assign forever,

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, erected, lying and situate as being shown on Map 02, Ward 12, Section 03, Lot 050, Block 3840 of the land records of Baltimore City; 3840 State of Maryland; as also identified as 46 E. 26th Street, Baltimore City, State of Maryland, USA; and now in fee simple absolute with all ground rents by Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish, who is the same party described as C. Daniel Cornish in the attached copy of the original deed still in effect as granting to him full title as grantee in fee simple absolute including all ground rents under his former name C. Daniel Cornish, and who is now the same party of the first part herein under his new name Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish, and is the same party described under his

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TRANSFER TAX EXEMPT
Director of Finance

Carey Shivers 10/3/2014

former name C. Daniel Cornish as party of the second part in the deed made on the 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Anno Domino one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, between grantor Elizabeth Rich Flannery, Widow of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, to grantee C. Daniel Cornish, unmarried at the time, of Baltimore City, State of Maryland, now as owner going by the name Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish and as party of the first part herein, that deed being recorded at Liber 78 pages 32 and 33 of the Land Records of Baltimore City State of Maryland, said deed by grantor Elizabeth Rich Flannery being incorporated by reference herein as shown by the enclosed copy thereof. (EXHIBIT)

And the said Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish, formerly going by the name C. Daniel Cornish, hereby covenants that he has done no act, to encumber said land hereby described as a joint tenancy by the entireties; that he will warrant specially the property hereby so described; and that he will execute such further assurance of said land as may be required.

WITNESS the hand and seal of said Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish, formerly C. Daniel Cornish

TEST:

Cornell D. M. Judge Cornish (SEAL)

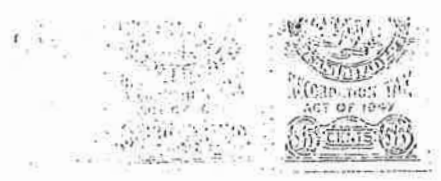
Cornell D.M. Judge Cornish

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of October 2014.



[Signature]

Dc. Notary Public

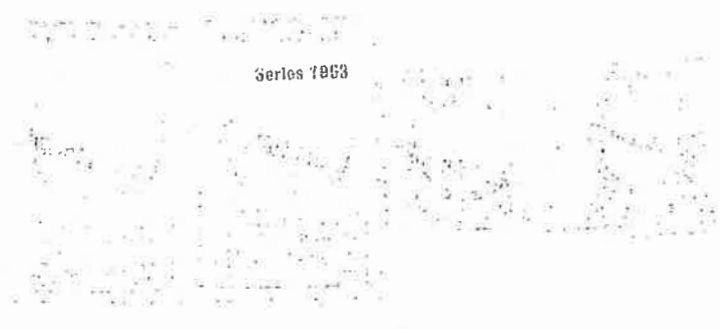


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This Deed, Made this _____ day of April, _____ in the year one thousand nine hundred and _____ between Elizabeth _____

of Baltimore City, _____ State of Maryland of the first part, and C. Daniel Gorman, _____ of Baltimore City, _____ of Maryland,

of the second part, witnesseth:



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That in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

the said Elizabeth _____

do hereby grant and convey unto the said C. Daniel Gorman, _____

heirs and assigns, in fee-simple, all _____ of ground situate lying and being in Baltimore City, _____, State of Maryland, the improvements thereon being now known as Number _____ and described as follows, that is to say:

Beginning at the _____ of the north side of _____ street at a point distant 67 feet westerly from the west side of _____ street and at the center of a partition wall there situated, and extending westerly on the north side of _____ street to the center of a partition wall there situated, thence _____

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42.00	RECORDING FEE
20.00	RECORDING FEE
60.00	TOTAL
244.29	PAID TO ORDER
425.00	SALES TAX
184.75	NET
1014.04	GRAND TOTAL

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FOR BALTIMORE CITY

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