

ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION

Compass Capital Management, Inc. v. Name Redacted
Case No. D2026-3009

1. The Parties

Complainant is Compass Capital Management, Inc., United States of America ("United States"), represented by Fredrikson & Byron, PA, United States.

Respondent is Name Redacted.¹

2. The Domain Name and Registrar

The disputed domain name <compasscep.com> (the "Domain Name") is registered with Wild West Domains, LLC (the "Registrar").

3. Procedural History

The Complaint was filed with the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (the "Center") on July 8, 2026. On July 9, 2026, the Center transmitted by email to the Registrar a request for registrar verification in connection with the Domain Name. On July 11, 2026, the Registrar transmitted by email to the Center its verification response disclosing registrant and contact information for the Domain Name which differed from the named Respondent (John Doe / Registration Private, Domains By Proxy, LLC) and contact information in the Complaint. The Center sent an email to Complainant on July 13, 2026, providing the registrant and contact information disclosed by the Registrar, and inviting Complainant to submit an amendment to the Complaint. Complainant filed an amendment to the Complaint on July 14, 2026.

The Center verified that the Complaint together with the amendment to the Complaint satisfied the formal requirements of the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Policy" or "UDRP"), the Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Rules"), and the WIPO Supplemental Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Supplemental Rules").

¹The Respondent's name appears to be used by a third party when registering the disputed domain name. In light of the suspected identity theft, the Panel has redacted the Respondent's name from this decision. However, the Panel has attached as Annex 1 to this decision an instruction to the Registrar regarding transfer of the disputed domain name, which includes the name of the Respondent. The Panel has authorized the Center to transmit Annex 1 to the Registrar as part of the order in this proceeding and has indicated Annex 1 to this decision shall not be published due to the exceptional circumstances of this case. See *Banco Bradesco S.A. v. FAST-12785241 Attn. Bradescourgente.net / Name Redacted*, WIPO Case No. [D2009-1788](#).

In accordance with the Rules, paragraphs 2 and 4, the Center formally notified Respondent of the Complaint, and the proceedings commenced on July 30, 2026. In accordance with the Rules, paragraph 5, the due date for Response was August 19, 2026. Respondent did not submit any formal response. However, on August 7, August 10, and August 27, 2026, the nominal Respondent sent email communications to the Center with an email address not associated with the information as disclosed by the Registrar. In these emails, the nominal Respondent disavowed any association with the Domain Name.

The Center appointed Robert A. Badgley as the sole panelist in this matter on September 3, 2026. The Panel finds that it was properly constituted. The Panel has submitted the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence, as required by the Center to ensure compliance with the Rules, paragraph 7.

4. Factual Background

According to Complainant:

“Founded in 1988, Complainant is an investment management firm focused on high quality individual stocks and bonds. Complainant provides investment solutions to individual and institutional investors and acts as a fiduciary to its clients.”

“Complainant has used the trademark COMPASS CAPITAL since its founding. Complainant is registered with the SEC [United States Securities Exchange Commission] as Compass Capital Management, [...] and refers to itself as Compass Capital to its current and prospective clients. As of March 2026, Complainant manages more than 1,600 accounts and over USD 2 billion in assets.”

“Complainant prominently uses COMPASS CAPITAL on its website and LinkedIn.” [...]

“Complainant has received significant recognition [sic] for the services provided under the COMPASS CAPITAL trademark, including awards and rankings from Forbes, Barron’s, and Five Star Professional.”

Annexed to the Complaint are screenshots corroborating the foregoing allegations.

Complainant has owned the domain name <compasscap.com> since 1998, and uses that domain name to host its main commercial website.

The Domain Name was registered on May 19, 2026. The Domain Name does not resolve to an active website.

5. Parties’ Contentions

A. Complainant

Complainant contends that it has satisfied each of the elements required under the Policy for a transfer of the Domain Name.

B. Respondent

Respondent did not formally reply to Complainant’s contentions. As noted above, the nominal Respondent has disavowed any association with the Domain Name. It appears that the nominal Respondent’s identity was appropriated by the actual registrant of the Domain Name.

6. Discussion and Findings

Paragraph 4(a) of the Policy lists the three elements which Complainant must satisfy with respect to the Domain Name:

- (i) the Domain Name is identical or confusingly similar to a trademark or service mark in which Complainant has rights; and
- (ii) Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name; and
- (iii) the Domain Name has been registered and is being used in bad faith.

A. Identical or Confusingly Similar

The Panel concludes, on this undisputed record, Complainant has common law rights in the unregistered trademark COMPASS CAPITAL and COMPASS CAP through use demonstrated in the record. As noted above, Complainant has been using the domain name <compasscap.com> for many years to promote its financial services.

The Panel also finds that the Domain Name is confusingly similar to the latter mark. The only difference between the mark and the Domain Name is the substitution of the letter “e” for the letter “a.” Despite this minor difference, the Panel finds that Complainant’s mark is recognizable within the Domain Name.

Complainant has established Policy paragraph 4(a)(i).

B. Rights or Legitimate Interests

Pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of the Policy, Respondent may establish its rights or legitimate interests in the Domain Name, among other circumstances, by showing any of the following elements:

- (i) before any notice to you [Respondent] of the dispute, your use of, or demonstrable preparations to use, the Domain Name or a name corresponding to the Domain Name in connection with a bona fide offering of goods or services; or
- (ii) you [Respondent] (as an individual, business, or other organization) have been commonly known by the Domain Name, even if you have acquired no trademark or service mark rights; or
- (iii) you [Respondent] are making a legitimate noncommercial or fair use of the Domain Name, without intent for commercial gain to misleadingly divert consumers or to tarnish the trademark or service mark at issue.

The Panel concludes that Respondent lacks rights or legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name. Where, as here, it appears that the nominal Respondent is not the actual registrant of the Domain Name and disavows any association with the Domain Name, it is easy to infer that the actual registrant of the Domain Name has misappropriated the identity of another party. From this inference, one may readily conclude that the registrant of the Domain Name has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name, and, indeed, has registered Domain Name in bad faith.

The Panel concludes that Complainant has established Policy paragraph 4(a)(ii).

C. Registered and Used in Bad Faith

Paragraph 4(b) of the Policy provides that the following circumstances, “in particular but without limitation,” are evidence of the registration and use of the Domain Name in “bad faith”:

- (i) circumstances indicating that Respondent has registered or has acquired the Domain Name primarily for the purpose of selling, renting, or otherwise transferring the Domain Name registration to Complainant who is the owner of the trademark or service mark or to a competitor of that Complainant,

- for valuable consideration in excess of its documented out of pocket costs directly related to the Domain Name; or
- (ii) that Respondent has registered the Domain Name in order to prevent the owner of the trademark or service mark from reflecting the mark in a corresponding domain name, provided that Respondent has engaged in a pattern of such conduct; or
 - (iii) that Respondent has registered the Domain Name primarily for the purpose of disrupting the business of a competitor; or
 - (iv) that by using the Domain Name, Respondent has intentionally attempted to attract, for commercial gain, Internet users to Respondent's website or other online location, by creating a likelihood of confusion with Complainant's mark as to the source, sponsorship, affiliation, or endorsement of Respondent's website or location or of a product or service on Respondent's website or location.

The Panel concludes, on this undisputed record, that Respondent (understood here as the actual Domain Name registrant, and not the nominal Respondent whose identity appears to have been misappropriated by the registrant) has registered and used the Domain Name in bad faith. The Panel incorporates its discussion above in the "Rights or Legitimate Interests" section.

In sum, the Panel finds it more likely than not that Respondent registered the Domain Name with knowledge of the COMPASS CAPITAL mark and Complainant's <compasscap.com> domain name, and did so in order to capitalize somehow on the renown of that mark for commercial gain. In the circumstances of this case, the fact that the Domain Name has not resolved to an active website does not prevent a finding of bad faith use within the meaning of the Policy.

Complainant has established Policy paragraph 4(a)(iii).

7. Decision

For the foregoing reasons, in accordance with paragraphs 4(i) of the Policy and 15 of the Rules, the Panel orders that the Domain Name <compasscep.com> be transferred to Complainant.

/Robert A. Badgley/

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Sole Panelist

Date: September 8, 2026