

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Matter of:

Ronald B. Sefrna,

Respondent

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Proceeding No. D2009-36

FINAL ORDER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 11.24

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the exclusion of Ronald B. Sefrna (Respondent) from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is hereby ordered for violation of the ethical standard set out in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) via 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.23(c)(5) and 11.24(a) (patent practitioner deemed disbarred where practitioner resigned in lieu of a disciplinary proceeding).

A "Notice and Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" mailed November 18, 2009, (Notice and Order) informed Respondent that the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director) had filed a "Complaint for Reciprocal Discipline Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" (Complaint) requesting that the USPTO Director impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent, namely: exclusion from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the Office. The request for exclusion of the Respondent in the Complaint was based upon the September 23, 2008, order of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas in Misc. Docket 08-9111 accepting Respondent's Motion of Acceptance of Resignation and ordering that Respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys and

that he no longer be entitled to the rights or privileges of an attorney in that jurisdiction. The Notice and Order directed that if Respondent seeks to contest imposition of his exclusion from practice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), Respondent shall file, within 40 days, a response containing all information Respondent believes is sufficient to establish a genuine issue of material fact that the imposition of discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Texas would be unwarranted based upon any of the grounds permissible under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1).

Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order. 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). Accordingly, the USPTO Director hereby determines that: 1) there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and 2) exclusion of Respondent from practice before the USPTO is appropriate.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

(a) Respondent is excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the Office;

(b) Respondent is granted limited recognition to practice before the Office beginning on the date of this Final Order and expiring thirty (30) days after the date of this Final Order;

(c) Respondent is directed, during the time of his limited recognition to wind up all client business before the Office and to withdraw from employment in all pending proceedings in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40;

(d) Respondent is directed not to accept any new clients having business before the Office during the 30 days of limited recognition afforded by this Final Order;

(e) the OED Director shall publish this Final Order;

(f) the OED Director shall publish the following notice in the Official Gazette:

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

Ronald B. Sefrna of Tyler, Texas, registered patent attorney (Registration Number 28,344). Mr. Sefrna has been excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and non-patent law before the United State Patent and Trademark Office for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5) and 11.24(a) by having his resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceeding accepted by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas. Mr. Sefrna consented to his name being stricken from the roll of attorneys in the State of Texas while an attorney disciplinary proceeding was pending against him in that jurisdiction. Mr. Sefrna submitted his resignation acknowledging his inability to contest or defend against the State Bar of Texas' charges of professional misconduct, which were comprised of neglecting legal matters entrusted to the lawyer; failing to keep clients reasonably informed; failing to promptly deliver funds and other property clients are entitled to receive; failing to withdraw when continued representation will result in violation of the disciplinary rules; failing to comply with obligations on termination of representation; and failing to respond to lawful requests of a disciplinary authority. The imposed exclusion begins on January 22, 2010. This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 2(b)(2)(D) and 32, and 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.24 and 11.59. Disciplinary decisions involving practitioners are posted for public reading at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline's Reading Room located at:
<http://des.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp>.

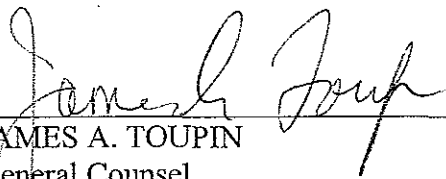
(g) Respondent shall comply fully with 37 C.F.R. § 11.58 while excluded;

(h) the OED Director, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 11.59, shall give notice of the public discipline and the reasons for the discipline to disciplinary enforcement agencies in the State where the practitioner is admitted to practice, to courts where the practitioner is known to be admitted, and the public;

(i) Respondent shall comply fully with 37 C.F.R. § 11.60 upon any request for reinstatement.

JAN 22 2010

Date


JAMES A. TOUPIN
General Counsel
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on behalf of

David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce For Intellectual
Property and Director of the United States Patent
and Trademark Office


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Final Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24 was mailed first class certified mail, return receipt requested, this day to the Respondent at the following address provided to OED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11:

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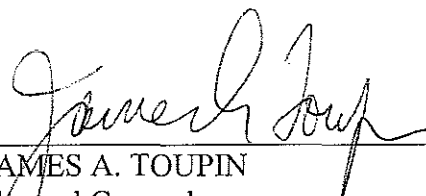

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