

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

In the Matter of:

Uzair M. Siddiqui,

Respondent

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Proceeding No. D2009-55

FINAL ORDER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 11.24

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the exclusion of Uzair M. Siddiqui (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).

A “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” mailed October 08, 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 January 23, 2009, order of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board in VSB Docket No.s 08-052-07295 and 08-052-072646 revoking Respondent’s license to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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 Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board would be unwarranted based upon any of the grounds permissible under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). The Notice and Order mailing was returned with the explanation that it was “unclaimed” and unable to be forwarded. A “Supplemental Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” mailed January 7, 2010, (Supplemental Order) reset the time period for response set out in the Notice and Order. The Supplemental Order mailing was returned with the explanation that it was “unclaimed” and unable to be forwarded. A service by publication notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(b) and 11.35(b) published in the *Official Gazette* on March 30, 2010, and April 6, 2010, notifying Respondent that he may obtain copies of, inter alia, the Notice and Order and Supplemental Order by sending a written request to the USPTO General Counsel.

Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order or Supplemental 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, beginning on the date of this Final Order indicated below;
- (b) Respondent shall comply fully with 37 C.F.R. § 11.58 while excluded;
- (c) Respondent is granted limited recognition to practice before the Office beginning on the date this Final Order is signed and expiring thirty (30) days after the date this Final

Order is signed for the sole purpose of facilitating Respondent's compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 11.58(b);

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

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

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

Uzair M. Siddiqui of Manassas, Virginia, registered patent attorney (Registration Number 40,811). Mr. Siddiqui has been excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5) by having his license to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia revoked on ethical grounds by a duly constituted authority of a State. The Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board accepted Mr. Siddiqui's consent to have his license revoked at a time when disciplinary charges were pending against him in that jurisdiction. Mr. Siddiqui admitted to the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board that, if disciplinary proceedings were to have been brought against him, he could not have defended himself from charges that he violated Virginia Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 by failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client and by intentionally failing to carry out a contract of employment entered into with a client for professional services, Virginia Rule of Professional Conduct 1.4 by failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, Virginia Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 by failing to properly safe keep property and maintain records, Virginia Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16 by failing upon termination of services to reasonably protect a client's interest and return property of the client, and Virginia Rule of Professional Conduct 8.1 by failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority. 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>.

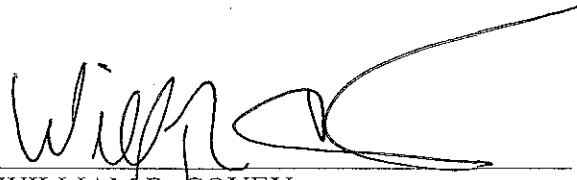
(f) the OED Director, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 11.59, shall give notice of the public discipline and the reasons for the discipline to disciplinary enforcement agencies in the State where the practitioner is admitted to practice, to courts where the practitioner is known to be

admitted, and the public;

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

JUN 14 2010

Date

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WILLIAM R. COVEY

Deputy General Counsel for General Law
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on behalf of

David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce For Intellectual
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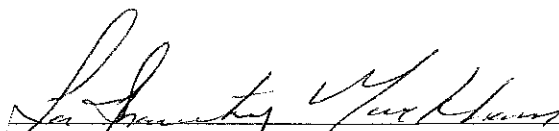
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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:

Uzair M. Siddiqui
American Legal Centers, P.C.
12944 Center Entrance Court
Manassas, Virginia 20109

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Date


United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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WILLIAM R. COVEY

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