UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

KAREN L. BOVARD, )
Director, Office of Enrollment )
and Discipline, )
Disciplinary Proceeding D96-03 )

v. )

JOHN P. HALVONIK, )
Respondent. )

DECISION ON PETITION AND ORDER

Respondent, John P. Halvonik (Halvonik), has filed a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§ 10.157(a) to stay the Commissioner's final decision in the above-captioned case pending judicial
review of that decision. The final decision held that Halvonik violated PTO Disciplinary Rules
(DR) 10.23(a), 10.23(b)(6), 10.77(c), 10.112(c)(4) for actions in connection with the prosecution
of two patent applications. The final decision further ordered that Halvonik be suspended for
seven months from practice before the PTO with three months vacated from the suspension if and
when Halvonik completes and passes the Multi-State Bar Examination section on Professional
Responsibility and enrolls in and completes a state or local bar association course(s) regarding the
management of a sole practitioner office, including a section on client communication.2

Upon consideration of Halvonik's petition stating that he intends to seek judicial review of
the Commissioner's decision, it is

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2 Id.
ORDERED that the final decision in disciplinary case D96-03 is stayed. In the event the Commissioner determines that the stay should be lifted prior to completion of the judicial review process, Halvonik will be advised thirty (30) days in advance of the termination of the stay.

3/26/99
Date

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