

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

**In re Joseph C. Herring,
Respondent.**

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) **Proceeding No. D02-16**
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FINAL ORDER

The attached Proposed Settlement of Disciplinary Matter executed by Joseph C. Herring, Respondent, and Harry I. Moatz, Director of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director), conforming to the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 10.133(g), is hereby APPROVED AND ENTERED. Accordingly, it is by virtue of delegation from the Director of the USPTO:

ORDERED that Respondent is suspended from practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for six months.

ORDERED that the following Notice shall be published in the Official Gazette:

Notice of Suspension

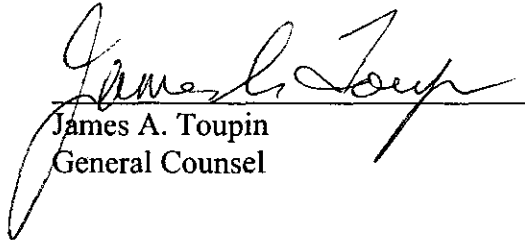
Joseph C. Herring, of Vista, California, a patent attorney whose registration number is 18,888, has been suspended for six months beginning _____ (45 days from the date of execution of this final order) from practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in patent, and non-patent law cases pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32, and 37 C.F.R. § 10.133 (g).

ORDERED that upon suspension, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 10.158.

ORDERED that after being suspended for six months and after showing compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.158, Respondent may petition for reinstatement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.160.

ORDERED that the OED Director waive the provisions of §§ 10.160 (c)(1) and (2) so that Respondent will not be required to take and pass an examination or to pay costs and expenses, provided Respondent has fully complied with the terms of the settlement agreement for the entire six month suspension period.

September 20, 2012
Date


James A. Toupin
General Counsel

Attachment: Proposed Settlement Agreement

cc: Harry I. Moatz, Esq.
Office of Enrollment and Discipline

Joseph C. Herring, Esq.