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

	)	
In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
James Lee Lindon,	)	
	)	Proceeding No. D2010-16
Respondent	)	,
	)	
		•

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the public reprimand of James Lee Lindon (Respondent) is hereby ordered for violation of the ethical standard set out in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6).

A "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" mailed March 4, 2010, (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 Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent, namely: a public reprimand. The request for the public reprimand of the Respondent in the Complaint was based upon an August 7, 2009, Order of Reprimand (By Consent) of the State of Michigan, Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #3 (Case No. 09-37-JC) publicly reprimanding Respondent. The Notice and Order directed that if Respondent seeks to contest imposition of his public reprimand 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 State of Michigan, Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #3 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, it is hereby determined that: 1) there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and 2) a public reprimand of Respondent is appropriate.

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

- (a) Respondent is publicly reprimanded;
- (b) the OED Director shall publish this Final Order;
- (c) the OED Director shall publish the following notice in the Official Gazette:

#### NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

James Lee Lindon of Cleveland, Ohio, a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 45,498). Mr. Lindon has been publicly reprimanded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) by having been publicly reprimanded on ethical grounds by a duly constituted authority of a State.

In Attorney Grievance Commission v. James L. Lindon (Case No. 09-37-JC), the State of Michigan, Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #3 approved a settlement of a disciplinary complaint filed against Mr. Lindon. The public reprimand discipline imposed by the State of Michigan was predicated upon Mr. Lindon's guilty plea of Disorderly Conduct – Persisting – W509.03E3A, a misdemeanor, in the Rocky River Municipal Court in Rocky River, Ohio, which arose in connection with a traffic incident where, afterwards, Mr. Lindon wrote a threatening letter to the other person involved in the incident.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 2(b)(2)(D) 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: <a href="http://des.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp">http://des.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp</a>.

(d) 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.

JUN - 3 2010

Date

BERNARD J. KN

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 Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24 was mailed first class certified mail, return receipt requested, this day to the Respondent at the following most recent address provided to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11:

James Lee Lindon Lindon & Lindon, LLC 35104 Saddle Creek Cleveland, OH 44011-4907

JUN - 3 2010

Date

United States Patent and Trademark Office

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

James Lee Lindon of Cleveland, Ohio, a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 45,498). Mr. Lindon has been publicly reprimanded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) by having been publicly reprimanded on ethical grounds by a duly constituted authority of a State.

In Attorney Grievance Commission v. James L. Lindon (Case No. 09-37-JC), the State of Michigan, Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #3 approved a settlement of a disciplinary complaint filed against Mr. Lindon. The public reprimand discipline imposed by the State of Michigan was predicated upon Mr. Lindon's guilty plea of Disorderly Conduct – Persisting – W509.03E3A, a misdemeanor, in the Rocky River Municipal Court in Rocky River, Ohio, which arose in connection with a traffic incident where, afterwards, Mr. Lindon wrote a threatening letter to the other person involved in the incident.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 2(b)(2)(D) 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.

JUN - 3 2010

Date

BERNARD J. KNIGHT, JR.

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