

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

In the Matter of:)
)
Lawrence S. Wick,)
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Respondent)
_____)

Proceeding No. D2011-03

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the exclusion of Lawrence S. Wick (Respondent) from the practice of 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 standards set out in 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.23(a), 10.23(b)(5), and 10.23(b)(6) as further defined in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5).

A “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” mailed December 17, 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 USPTO Director impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent, namely: exclusion from the practice of trademark and other non-patent law before the Office.¹ The request for exclusion of Respondent in the Complaint was based upon a September 22, 2010 Order of the Supreme Court of Illinois in *M.R. 23942 – In Re: Lawrence Scott Wick* disbarring Respondent for misconduct in overbilling clients for trademark work. 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 Illinois would be unwarranted based upon any of the grounds permissible under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). The Notice and Order was mailed by first-class certified mail, return receipt requested, to a post office box in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, which is the most current address listed by the Illinois State Bar for Respondent and where it is reasonably believed that Respondent receives mail. United States Postal Service records indicate that the mailing was successfully delivered on December 22, 2010.

Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order, but he requested a one-week extension of time to respond in order to draft a resignation declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 11.27. Respondent has not filed a resignation declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.27.

Accordingly, it is hereby determined that: 1) there is no genuine issue of material fact pursuant to 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 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);

¹ Respondent is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before the USPTO.

- (d) The USPTO shall promptly dissociate Respondent's name from all USPTO customer numbers and public key infrastructure ("PKI") certificates;
- (e) Respondent shall not use any USPTO customer number or PKI certificate unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the USPTO;
- (f) Respondent shall not obtain a USPTO customer number or a PKI certificate unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the USPTO;
- (g) The OED Director shall publish this Final Order;
- (h) The OED Director shall publish the following notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

Lawrence S. Wick, of Lake Bluff, Illinois, an attorney licensed in Illinois and authorized to represent others before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in trademark and non-patent matters. In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the USPTO Director ordered that Mr. Wick be excluded from the practice of trademark and non-patent law before the USPTO for violating 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.23(a), 10.23(b)(5), and 10.23(b)(6), as further defined in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5) by having been disbarred from the practice of law in Illinois. Mr. Wick is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before the USPTO.

Via its September 22, 2010 order in M.R. 23942-In Re: Lawrence Scott Wick, Disciplinary Commission No. 05CH66, the Supreme Court of Illinois disbarred Mr. Wick from the practice of law in Illinois. The order of disbarment was predicated upon a determination that Mr. Wick had breached his fiduciary duty to his firm and its clients by: engaging in conduct involving fraud, dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation in violation of Rule 8.4(a)(4) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (210 Ill. 2d R. 8.4(a)(4)); conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Rule 8.4(a)(5) (210 Ill. 2d R. 8.4(a)(5)); conduct that tends to defeat the administration of justice or bring the courts or legal profession into disrepute in violation of Supreme Court Rule 770 (210 Ill. 2d R. 770); and charging an unreasonable fee in violation of Rule 1.5 (134 Ill. 2d R. 1.5). The violations stemmed from allegations that Mr. Wick had fraudulently over-billed clients.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R. § 11.24. 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>.

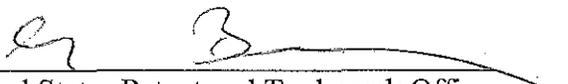
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 address, which is the most current address listed by the Illinois State Bar for Respondent and where it is reasonably believed that Respondent receives mail:

Lawrence S. Wick
P.O. Box 4342
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Date


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P.O. Box 1450
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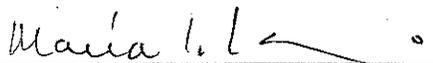
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Intellectual Property and Director of the
United States Patent and Trademark Office