

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

**In the Matter of:** )  
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**John W. Bunch,** )  
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**Respondent** )  
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**Proceeding No. D2011-36**

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the public reprimand of John W. Bunch (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 July 25, 2011, (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 a July 2, 2010, stipulated order issued by the Minnesota Supreme Court in *In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against John W. Bunch, a Minnesota Attorney*, 784 N.W. 2d 64 (Minn. 2010), 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 Minnesota Supreme Court 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 first-class certified mail, return receipt requested, to a street address in Plymouth, Minnesota, which is the most recent address provided by Respondent to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11. According to tracking information provided by the United States Postal Service, the Notice and Order was delivered to the Respondent's address on August 22, 2011.

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

John W. Bunch of Plymouth, Minnesota, a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 28,696). Mr. Bunch 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 the State of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Supreme Court publicly reprimanded Mr. Bunch for violating Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3(a), 3.4(c), 4.4(a), and 8.4(d). The reprimand was predicated on Mr. Bunch representing to a court in an affidavit that he would commence a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Mr.

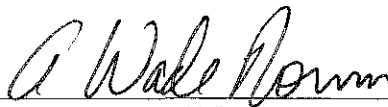
Bunch's representation led the court to dismiss a landlord-tenant action filed against Mr. Bunch. Contrary to his representation, Mr. Bunch did not timely commence the civil action.

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>.

(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.

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Date



A. WADE NORMAN

Acting Deputy General Counsel for General Law  
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 by first class certified mail, return receipt requested, this day to the Respondent at the following most recent address provided to the Office of Enrolment and Discipline pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 11.11:

John W. Bunch  
2705 Xanthus Lane  
Plymouth, MN 55447

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Date

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

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