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

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In the Matter of:

Jens E. Hoekendijk,

Respondent

Proceeding No. D2015-25

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24, the suspension of Jens E. Hoekendijk ("Respondent") is hereby ordered for violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h).

### Background

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of California issued an order in *In re Jens* 

*Edward Hoekendijk*, Case No. S217799 (Cal. June 26, 2014), suspending Respondent for one year, staying that suspension, placing him on a one year probation, and suspending him for the first thirty days of the probation from the practice of law in California on ethical grounds.

On June 1, 2015, a "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" ("Notice and Order") mailed by certified mail (receipt no. 70131710000223651232) notified 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 identical to the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of California in *In re Jens Edward Hoekendijk*, Case No. S217799 (Cal. June 26, 2014). The Notice and Order provided Respondent an opportunity to file,

within forty (40) days, a response opposing the imposition of reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of California, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). On July 13, 2015, the Office received a "Response of Jens Hoekendijk to Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 11.24." In that Response, Respondent stated that he "does not oppose the imposition of discipline identical to that imposed by the California Supreme Court in *In re Jens Edward Hoekendijk*, (Case No. S217799) (Cal. June 26, 2014)."

#### <u>Analysis</u>

In light of the fact that Respondent does not oppose the imposition of reciprocal discipline, it is hereby determined that there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and suspending Respondent for one year from the practice of patent, trademark, and non- patent law before the USPTO, placing him on a one year probation, and providing that, after completing thirty (30) days of his USPTO suspension, Mr. Hoekendijk may seek reinstatement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60 is appropriate. ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- Respondent be suspended for one year, and placed on probation for one year, from the practice of patent, trademark, and non-patent law before the USPTO effective the date of this Final Order;
- After completing thirty (30) days of his USPTO suspension, Respondent may seek reinstatement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60;
- 3. The OED Director publish the following Notice in the Official Gazette:

### **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

This Notice concerns Jens E. Hoekendijk of Burlingame, California, who is a

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registered patent attorney (Registration Number 37,149). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Hoekendijk be suspended for one year and placed on probation for one year from practice before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), predicated upon being suspended from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State. After completing thirty (30) days of his USPTO suspension, Mr. Hoekendijk may seek reinstatement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60. If he is reinstated during his probationary period, Mr. Hoekendijk will be permitted to practice patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters before the USPTO during the remainder of his probationary period.

On June 26, 2014, the Supreme Court of California, in *In re Jens Edward Hoekendijk*, Case No. S217799 (Cal. June 26, 2014) suspended Respondent for one year, stayed that suspension, placed him on a one year probation, and suspended him for the first thirty days of the probation. The discipline was predicated upon a determination that Mr. Hoekendijk intentionally committed an act of moral turpitude, dishonesty, and corruption in willful violation of California Business and Professions Code section 6106 by reporting to the California State Bar that he was in compliance with the minimum continuing legal education ("MCLE") requirements when he knew that he was not in compliance with the MCLE requirements.

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 available at: <u>http://e-foia.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp</u>.

4. The OED Director give notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.59 of the public

discipline and the reasons for the discipline to disciplinary enforcement

agencies in the state(s) where Respondent is admitted to practice, to courts

where Respondent is known to be admitted, and to the public;

- 5. Respondent shall comply with the duties enumerated in 37 C.F.R. § 11.58;
- The USPTO dissociate Respondent's name from any Customer Numbers and the public key infrastructure ("PKI") certificate associated with those Customer Numbers;
- 7. Respondent shall not apply for a USPTO Customer Number, shall not obtain

a USPTO Customer Number, nor shall he have his name added to a USPTO

Customer Number, unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the

USPTO; and

8. Such other and further relief as the nature of this cause shall require.

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Date

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