

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:)
)
Douglas James Crawford,) Proceeding No. D2017-30
)
Respondent)
_____)

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(b), Douglas James Crawford (“Respondent”) is hereby excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) for violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h).

Background

On August 24, 2016, the Supreme Court of California in *In re Douglas James Crawford*, S234657, disbarred Respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction on ethical grounds.

On October 20, 2017 a “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (“Notice and Order”) was sent by certified mail (receipt no. 70160910000045132672) notifying 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 and 11.34” (“Complaint”) requesting that the Director of the USPTO impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of California in *In re Douglas James Crawford*, S234657. 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 in *In re Douglas James Crawford*, S234657, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. §

11.24(d)(1). The Notice and Order was not able to be delivered to Respondent by certified mail. Therefore, service was properly made on Respondent via UPS on December 8, 2017 at the most recent address provided to the OED Director pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11(a). *See* 37 C.F.R. § 11.35(a)(2)(1). Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order.

Analysis

In light of Respondent's failure to file a response, it is hereby determined that there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and Respondent's exclusion from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the USPTO is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is excluded from the practice of patent, trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO, effective the date of this Final Order;
2. The OED Director publish the following Notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

This notice concerns Douglas James Crawford of San Diego, CA, a disbarred California attorney who is registered as a patent agent (Registration Number 49,057). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Crawford be excluded 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 disbarred from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State.

Mr. Crawford was disbarred from the practice of law in California pursuant to the August 24, 2016 Order in *In re Douglas James Crawford*, Supreme Court of California Case No. S234657, which was predicated upon the July 16, 2015 Decision of the State Bar Court of California in Cases Nos. 14-O-01867 and 14-O-04241. According to the July 16, 2015 Decision, Mr. Crawford appeared at the disciplinary trial before the State Bar Court of California on February 10, 2015 and, "after the State Bar made its opening statements, Mr. Crawford walked out of the courtroom and did not return." Mr. Crawford failed to appear at trial the next day. The July 16, 2015 Decision stated that Mr. Crawford

violated California Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (c), "by filing a pleading in the superior court on about January 9, 2012, that falsely implied, if not falsely represented, that [his] mother was still alive"; California Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (o)(3), "by failing to report judicial sanctions in the amount of \$14,500 to the State Bar within 30 days of time [Mr. Crawford] knew of them"; California Business and Professions Code section 6103 "by failing to pay two court ordered sanctions that combined total \$26,302"; and California Business and Professions Code section 6106 "by taking pepper spray and a stun gun to a deposition; displaying both the pepper spray and stun gun at the deposition; threatening to use the pepper spray and stun gun on opposing counsel if the deposition 'got out of hand;' and discharging the stun gun while pointing it towards the opposing counsel."

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R. § 11.24. Disciplinary decisions are available for public review at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline's FOIA Reading Room located at: <http://e-foia.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp>.

3. 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;

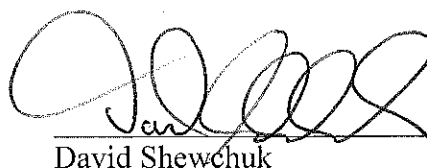
4. Respondent shall comply with the duties enumerated in 37 C.F.R. § 11.58;

5. The USPTO dissociate Respondent's name from any Customer Numbers and the public key infrastructure ("PKI") certificate associated with those Customer Numbers; and

6. 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.

(Signature page follows)

1/25/18
Date



David Shewchuk
Deputy General Counsel for General Law
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on behalf of

Joseph D. Matal
Performing the Functions and Duties of
the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual
Property and Director of the United States Patent
and Trademark Office

cc:

OED Director

Mr. Douglas J. Crawford
Respondent