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

In the Matter of:

Sanjin Mutic,

Respondent

Proceeding No. D2018-08

## FINAL ORDER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 11.29

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29, the reciprocal transfer to disability inactive status of Sanjin Mutic ("Respondent") is hereby ordered.

## Background

On August 16, 2017, the Supreme Court, State of Colorado issued an order in Case Number 17PDJ028, transferring Respondent to disability inactive status for an indefinite period. That Order was premised on a "Petition for Determination of Disability" filed by Erin R. Kristofco, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, on April 28, 2017, as well as an independent medical examination report, in which the Respondent was found to be incapable of practicing law at this time due to his disability.

On January 10, 2018, a "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29" ("Notice and Order"), mailed by certified mail (receipt number 70160910000045132863), notified Respondent that the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline ("OED Director") had filed a "Request for Reciprocal Transfer to Disability Inactive Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29" ("Request") requesting that the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO" or "Office") transfer Respondent to disability inactive status and order that the Respondent shall not be authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent law, based on Respondent having been indefinitely suspended due to disability by the Supreme Court, State of Colorado with its Order of August 16, 2017, in Case Number 17PDJ028.

The Notice and Order sent to the Denver, Colorado address was returned to the USPTO. According to United States Postal Service's (USPS) markings on the returned correspondence, the letter was "unclaimed" and the USPS was "unable to forward". Accordingly, the Respondent was served by publication of a notice in the *Official Gazette* for two consecutive weeks, on March 20, 2018 and March 27, 2018, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.35(b). This notice informed Respondent that he could obtain a copy of the Notice and Order, the Request, and a copy of the August 16, 2017 Order of the Supreme Court of Colorado in Case Number 17PDJ028, by sending a written request to the General Counsel of the USPTO.

The Notice and Order provided Respondent an opportunity to file, within thirty (30) days, a response opposing the imposition of reciprocal transfer to disability inactive status, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.29. Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order.

### <u>Analysis</u>

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. § 11.29(d) and the reciprocal transfer of Respondent to disability inactive status, precluding him from the practice of patent, trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO, is appropriate.

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

1. Respondent be transferred to disability inactive status, precluding him from the practice of patent, trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO, until further Order of

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the OED Director, effective the date of this Final Order;

2. The OED Director publish a Notice in the Official Gazette that is materially

consistent with the following:

### **NOTICE OF TRANSFER TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS**

This notice concerns Sanjin Mutic of Denver, Colorado, who is a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 61,111). In a reciprocal proceeding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Mutic be transferred to disability inactive status.

The action is predicated on an August 16, 2017 Order of the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, which indefinitely suspended Mr. Mutic from the practice of law in Colorado due to a disability. While on disability inactive status, Mr. Mutic shall not be authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R. § 11.29. Disciplinary decisions and decisions regarding transfer to disability inactive status 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 transfer and the

reasons for the transfer 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.

5/31/18 Date

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

on delegated authority by

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cc:

**OED** Director

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