

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:)
)
Ihab Awad Ibrahim,) Proceeding No. D2018-25
)
Respondent)
_____)

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24, Ihab Awad Ibrahim (“Respondent”) is hereby reprimanded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) for violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h).

Background

On August 1, 2017, the Supreme Court of New Jersey issued an Order in *In the Matter of Ihab Awad Ibrahim* that incorporated the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board in Docket No. DRB 17-191, reprimanded Respondent, ordered him to submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly reconciliations of his attorney accounts for two years and until further Order of the Court, ordered that the entire record be made a part of Respondent’s attorney file, and ordered that Respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter. The August 1, 2017 Order was predicated on ethical misconduct in that jurisdiction.

On May 24, 2018 a “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (“Notice and Order”) was sent by certified mail (receipt no. 7017066000095939303) 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” (“Complaint”) requesting that the USPTO Director impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey

in *In the Matter of Ihab Awad Ibrahim*, incorporating the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board in Docket Number DRB 17-191. 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 the Supreme Court of New Jersey in *In the Matter of Ihab Awad Ibrahim*, incorporating the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board in Docket Number DRB 17-191, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). The Notice and Order was delivered to Respondent on May 30, 2018. 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 a public reprimand is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is hereby publicly reprimanded;
2. The OED Director publish the following Notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

This notice concerns Ihab Awad Ibrahim of New Jersey City, New Jersey, who is authorized to practice before the Office in trademark and non patent matters. In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Ibrahim be reprimanded for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), predicated upon receiving a reprimand on ethical grounds by a duly constituted authority of a state. Specifically, in an August 1, 2017 Order, the Supreme Court of New Jersey reprimanded Mr. Ibrahim with terms.

Pursuant to the Order filed on August 1, 2017, incorporating the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board in Docket No. DRB 17-191, the Supreme Court of New Jersey reprimanded Mr. Ibrahim. The Court further ordered that he submit to the Office of Attorney

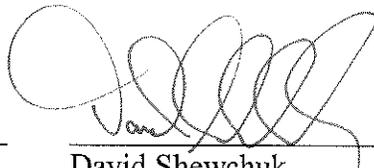
Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly reconciliations of his attorney accounts for two years and until further Order of the Court and that Mr. Ibrahim reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

The Office of Attorney Ethics and Mr. Ibrahim signed a stipulation of discipline by consent on May 15, 2017, in which it was agreed that Mr. Ibrahim violated New Jersey Rule of Professional Conduct ("RPC") 1.15(a) (failure to safeguard client funds and negligent misappropriation of client funds) and RPC 1.15(d) (failure to comply with the record keeping requirements set forth in rule 1:21-6 of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey). Mr. Ibrahim mismanaged his client trust account and, as a result, had insufficient funds in that account upon issuing a check to a client. He also did not keep proper accounting records of his client trust account, accordingly, he failed to safeguard other clients' funds.

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.

7/26/18
Date



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