**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In the Matter of: | ) | |
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| Zachary Ryan Christiansen, | ) | Proceeding No. D2026-24 |
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| Respondent | ) | |
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**FINAL ORDER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 11.24**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24, Zachary Ryan Christiansen ("Respondent") is hereby excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the USPTO ("USPTO" or "Office"). Respondent's reciprocal discipline is predicated on his violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), having been disciplined by a duly constituted authority of a state.

**Background**

On May 19, 2026, a "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" ("Notice and Order") was sent by certified mail (receipt nos. 7021 2720 0002 1229 2449; 7021 2720 0002 1229 2456 and 7021 2720 0002 1229 2463) 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 Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to the discipline imposed by the June 17, 2025 Order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana in *In re Christiansen*, No. 2025-B-0597 (La. June 17, 2025), disbarring Respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction. The Supreme Court of Louisiana disbarred Respondent for violating Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a), 1.3, 1.4, 1.7(a)(2), 1.8(a), 3.2, and 8.4(a)–(c) when he misappropriated $55,500 from his employer law firm through fraudulent invoices and credit card charges; failed to diligently represent clients and allowing multiple claims to prescribe; and misrepresented case status to clients.

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 June 17, 2025 Order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana in *In re Christiansen*, No. 2025-B-0597 (La. June 17, 2025), based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1).

The Notice and Order was delivered on May 23, 2026 to the Respondent. 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 is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is hereby excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the USPTO;

2. Respondent is granted limited recognition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.58(f) for thirty (30) days starting on the date of this Final Order so that Respondent may endeavor to conclude work on behalf of clients on any matters pending before the Office and, if such work cannot be concluded within such thirty (30) days, Respondent shall so advise each such client so that the client may make other arrangements;

3. Effective the date of the expiration of the 30-day period of limited recognition afforded to Respondent under 37 C.F.R. § 11.58(f), the USPTO is hereby authorized to disable or suspend any USPTO.gov accounts registered to Respondent as of the date of this Final Order (including, but not limited to, all accounts that Respondent has ever established, sponsored, or used in connection with any trademark or patent matter);

4. Respondent shall not apply for a USPTO verified Electronic System account, shall not obtain a USPTO verified Electronic System account, nor shall he have his name added to a USPTO verified Electronic System account, unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the USPTO;

5. Immediately upon expiration of the 30-day period of limited recognition afforded to Respondent under § 11.58(f), Respondent is prohibited from using, assessing, or assisting others in using or accessing any USPTO.gov account(s) or other USPTO filing systems for preparing or filing documents with the USPTO;

6. Until a petition seeking Respondent's reinstatement to practice before the USPTO is granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60, Respondent shall be prohibited, and the USPTO is authorized to disallow Respondent, from the following: (1) opening or activating any USPTO.gov account(s) to be used for preparing or filing documents with the USPTO; (2) applying for, or attempting to apply for any USPTO.gov account(s) to be used for preparing or filing documents with the USPTO; (3) verifying, or attempting to verify, any other person's credentials in connection with USPTO.gov account(s) to be used for preparing or filing documents with the USPTO; and (4) sponsoring or attempting to sponsor USPTO.gov account(s) to be used for preparing or filing documents with the USPTO;

7. Nothing herein shall obligate the USPTO to take action, *sua sponte*, to re-activate any USPTO.gov account disabled or suspended pursuant to this order; rather, it is Respondent's sole responsibility to initiate any such re-activation of any such USPTO.gov account;

8. The OED Director shall electronically publish this Final Order at the OED's electronic FOIA Reading Room, which is publicly accessible through the Office's website at:

https://foiadocuments.uspto.gov/oed/; and

9. The OED Director shall publish a notice in the Official Gazette materially consistent with the following:

**Notice of Exclusion**

This notice concerns Zachary Ryan Christiansen of New Orleans, Louisiana, who is a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 69,712). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Christiansen 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.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana issued an Order in *In re Christiansen*, No. 2025-B-0597 (La. June 17, 2025) disbarring Mr. Christiansen for misappropriating $55,500 from his employer law firm through fraudulent invoices and credit card charges; failing to diligently represent clients and allowing multiple claims to prescribe; and misrepresenting case status to clients. The Court found violations of Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a), 1.3, 1.4, 1.7(a)(2), 1.8(a), 3.2, and 8.4(a)–(c).

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: https://foiadocuments.uspto.gov/oed/.

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Tricia Choe
Associate General Counsel for General Law
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on delegated authority by

John A. Squires
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Final Order pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24 was sent on this day to parties in the manner indicated below:

Via first-class certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Respondent at the most recent address provided to the OED Director pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11(a):

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and to where the OED Director believes Respondent may receive mail:

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Via e-mail to the OED Director:

Sydney Johnson
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*Counsel for the OED Director*

7/15/2026
Date

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