

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

In the Matter of:)
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Craig J.J. Snyder,)
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Respondent)
_____)

Proceeding No. D2011-39

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the exclusion of Craig J.J. Snyder (Respondent) from the practice of trademark and other non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is hereby ordered for violation of the ethical standard set out in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5)(i).¹

On September 6, 2011, a “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (Notice and Order) was mailed by certified mail (receipt no. 70080500000128104631) to the Respondent at the last address known to the Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director). The Notice and Order informed Respondent that the OED Director had filed a “Complaint for Reciprocal Discipline Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (Complaint) requesting that the USPTO Director impose discipline upon Respondent identical to discipline imposed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial Department in *In the Matter of Craig J.J. Snyder, a suspended attorney*, Case Number: M-2454 (Sept. 23, 2010). The Notice and Order provided Respondent an opportunity to file, within forty days, a response opposing, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1), the

¹ Respondent is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before this Office.

imposition of reciprocal discipline based on the Order in *In the Matter of Craig J.J. Snyder, a suspended attorney*, Case Number: M-2454 (Sept. 23, 2010). On September 26, 2011, the Notice and Order was returned as undeliverable with the explanation that Respondent had “[m]oved[,] and that his mail is] [n]ot [f]owardable.”

Due to the inability to serve Respondent at his last known address, Respondent was served by publication, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.35(b), in the *Official Gazette* on October 25, 2011, and November 1, 2011. The service in the *Official Gazette* informed Respondent that the OED Director had initiated, on June 17, 2011, a proceeding to impose reciprocal discipline, based on the Order in *In the Matter of Craig J.J. Snyder, a suspended attorney*, Case Number: M-2454 (Sept. 23, 2010). The notice in the *Official Gazette* also informed Respondent that, on September 6, 2011, a Notice and Order had been issued and mailed to his last known address, but was returned as undeliverable. The notice in the *Official Gazette* further provided directions on how Respondent could request a copy of the Notice and Order and the supporting documents that had been sent to him at his last known address. It has been more than forty days since the second notice was published in the *Official Gazette* (Nov. 1, 2011), yet Respondent has not requested a copy of the Notice and Order and the supporting documents or filed a response to the Notice and Order.

Analysis

In light of Respondent’s failure to file a response, it is hereby determined that: (1) there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and (2) the exclusion of Respondent from practice before the USPTO is appropriate.

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

A. Respondent is excluded from the practice of trademark and other non-patent

law before the USPTO effective the date of this Final Order;

B. Direct the OED Director to publish the following Notice in the Official

Gazette:

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION

This concerns Craig J.J. Snyder of New York City, New York, an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York, who is not a registered practitioner and who is not authorized to practice patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the USPTO Director has ordered Mr. Snyder be excluded from the practice of trademark and non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5)(i) when he was disbarred on ethical grounds from the practice of law in the State of New York.

The Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department of New York issued an order disbaring Mr. Snyder based on uncontested evidence of professional misconduct, namely, that Mr. Snyder converted to his personal use settlement funds he was holding in escrow which totaled approximately \$244,000. On March 8, 2010, Mr. Snyder pled guilty to grand larceny in the third degree, in violation of Penal Law § 155.35, a class D felony. On April 19, 2010, Mr. Snyder was sentenced to a three year conditional discharge and 200 hours of community service.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 2(b)(2)(D) and 32, and 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.24 and 11.59. Disciplinary decisions involving practitioners are posted for public reading at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline’s Reading Room located at:
<http://des.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp>.

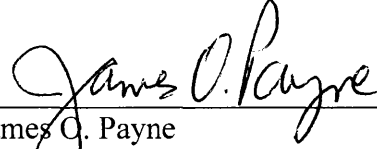
C. Direct the OED Director to give notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.59 of the public discipline and the reasons for the discipline to disciplinary enforcement agencies in the state(s) where Respondent is admitted to practice, to courts where Respondent is known to be admitted, and to the public; and

D. Direct such other and further relief as the nature of this cause shall require.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date



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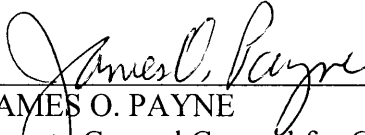
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