

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:)
)
Amber C. Saunders,)
)
Respondent)
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Proceeding No. D2019-32

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24, Amber C. Saunders (“Respondent”) is hereby suspended for twelve (12) months from the practice of trademark and other non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) for violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h).

Background

On May 24, 2019, a “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (“Notice and Order”), was sent by certified mail (receipt no. 70172620000001058117) 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 USPTO impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to the discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia in *In the Matter of Amber Cecile Saunders*, 304 Ga. 824. Respondent received the Notice and Order on June 5, 2019. 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 suspension is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO for twelve (12) months, effective the date of this Final Order;

2. The OED Director shall publish a notice in the *Official Gazette* that is materially consistent with the following:

Notice of Suspension

This notice concerns Amber Cecile Saunders of Atlanta, Georgia, who is authorized to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) in trademark and non-patent matters. In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the USPTO has ordered that Ms. Saunders be suspended for twelve months from practice before the USPTO in trademark and other non-patent matters for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), predicated upon being suspended for twelve months from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State. Ms. Saunders is not authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent matters.

On December 10, 2018, the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia in *In the Matter of Amber Cecile Saunders*, 304 Ga. 824, suspended Ms. Saunders for twelve months from the practice of law in Georgia for conversion of client funds for her own personal use, in violation of Rules 1.15(I)(c) and 1.15(II)(b) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct found in Bar Rule 4-102(d).

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>;

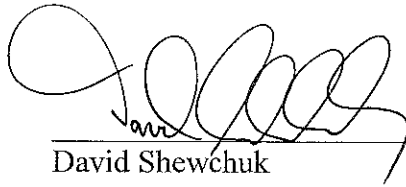
3. Respondent shall comply with 37 C.F.R. § 11.58; and

4. The OED Director shall 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.

(signature page follows)

(signature page- Final Order, Saunders, D2019-32)

24 July 2019
Date



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

on delegated authority by

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office