### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:	)
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Daniel E. Fredenberg,	) Proceeding No. D2024-16
Respondent	) }

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24, Daniel E. Fredenberg ("Respondent") is hereby suspended 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 October 2, 2024, a "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" ("Notice and Order") was sent by certified mail (receipt no. 70212720000212283256) 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 Order of the Supreme Court of Arizona in *In the Matter of Daniel E. Fredenberg*, PDJ 2023-9039 (Ariz. October 18, 2023), suspending Respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction for six (6) months and one (1) day based on ethical grounds. 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 Order of the Supreme Court of Arizona in *In the Matter of Daniel E. Fredenberg*, PDJ 2023-9039 (Ariz. October 18, 2023), based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1).

The Notice and Order delivered to Respondent on October 7, 2024. 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 from the practice of trademark and other non-patent matters before the USPTO 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 six (6) months and one (1) day;
- 2. Respondent shall remain suspended from practice before the USPTO until the OED Director grants a petition requesting Respondent's reinstatement to practice before the USPTO pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60;
  - 3. Respondent shall comply with the duties enumerated in 37 C.F.R. § 11.58;
- 4. The OED Director shall electronically publish the Final Order at OED's electronic FOIA Reading Room, which is publicly accessible at: <a href="http://foiadocuments.uspto.gov">http://foiadocuments.uspto.gov</a>;
- 5. The OED Director publish a notice in the *Official Gazette* materially consistent with the following:

#### **Notice of Suspension**

This notice concerns Daniel E. Fredenberg of Phoenix, Arizona, 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 Mr. Fredenberg be suspended for six (6) months and one (1) day 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 from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State. Mr. Fredenberg is not authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent matters.

The suspension ordered in the Order of the Supreme Court of Arizona in *In the Matter of Daniel E. Fredenberg*, PDJ 2023-9039 (Ariz. October 18, 2023), was based on Mr. Fredenberg's guilty plea to misdemeanor charges of harassment and interference with judicial proceedings, which stemmed from actions he took against his former spouse while engaged in contentious family law proceedings.

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: <a href="https://foiadocuments.uspto.gov/oed/">https://foiadocuments.uspto.gov/oed/</a>;

- 6. The OED Director give notice of the public discipline, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.59, 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. 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;
- 8. Respondent shall be prohibited from using, accessing, 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 unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the USPTO;
- 9. Until there is a decision by the OED Director granting a petition requesting Respondent's reinstatement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60, Respondent shall be prohibited, and the USPTO is authorized to disallow Respondent, from: (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; and

10. 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.

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Katherine K. Vidal 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 mailed by first-class certified mail, return receipt requested, on this day to the at the address to where the OED Director reasonably believes Respondent receives mail:

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Respondent

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12/11/2024 Date