

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:)
)
William Ray Hyde,) Proceeding No. D2020-01
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Respondent)
_____)

FINAL ORDER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 11.29

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29, the reciprocal transfer to disability inactive status of William Ray Hyde (“Respondent”) is hereby ordered.

Background

On May 14, 2019, the Supreme Court of Colorado issued an order in *People v. William R. Hyde*, 19PDJ035 (Colo. O.P.D.J. May 14, 2019), transferring Respondent to disability inactive status regarding the practice of law in that jurisdiction.

On January 9, 2019, a “Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29” (“Notice and Order”), mailed by certified mail (receipt numbers 70183090000157595369 and 70183090000157595376), notified Respondent that the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (“OED Director”) had filed a “Request for Reciprocal Transfer to Disability Inactive Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.29” (“Request”) requesting that the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) transfer Respondent to disability inactive status based on Respondent having been indefinitely suspended due to disability by the Supreme Court of Colorado in *People v. William R. Hyde*, 19PDJ035 (Colo. O.P.D.J. May 14, 2019).

The Notice and Order provided Respondent an opportunity to file, within thirty (30) days, a response opposing the imposition of reciprocal transfer to disability inactive status, based on

one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.29. On January 16, 2019, Respondent filed a response to the Notice and Order via email. In that email, Respondent stated that he “received the Notice and Order and I consent to being transferred to disability inactive status.”

Analysis

In light of Respondent’s decision not to contest the transfer to disability inactive status, it is hereby determined that there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.29(d) and the transferring of Respondent to disability inactive status, precluding him from the practice of patent, trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO for an indefinite period, is appropriate.

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

1. Respondent is transferred to disability inactive status, precluding him from the practice of patent, trademark and other non-patent law before the USPTO until further Order of the OED Director, effective the date of this Final Order;
2. The OED Director publish the following Notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF TRANSFER TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

This notice concerns William R. Hyde of Penrose, Colorado, who is a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 35,201). In a reciprocal proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) has ordered that Mr. Hyde be transferred to disability inactive status.

On May 14, 2019, the Supreme Court of Colorado transferred Mr. Hyde to disability inactive status regarding the practice of law in the state of Colorado in *People v. William R. Hyde*, 19PDJ035 (Colo. O.P.D.J. May 14, 2019). While on disability inactive status, Mr. Hyde shall not be authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R. § 11.29. Disciplinary decisions and decisions regarding transfer

to disability inactive status are available for public review at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline's FOIA Reading Room, located at: <https://foiadocuments.uspto.gov/oed/>;

3. The OED Director give notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.59 of the transfer and the reasons for the transfer 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;

4. Respondent shall comply with the duties enumerated in 37 C.F.R. § 11.58;

5. The USPTO shall dissociate Respondent's name from any Customer Number(s) and USPTO verified Electronic System account(s), if any;

6. Respondent shall not apply for a USPTO Customer Number, shall not obtain a USPTO Customer Number, nor shall he have his name added to a USPTO Customer Number, unless and until he is reinstated to practice before the USPTO.

17 Jan 2020

Date



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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

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OED Director

Mr. William R. Hyde

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