UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:	)	
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Noreen A. Krall,	)	Proceeding No. D2026-18
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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, Noreen A. Krall ("Respondent") is hereby reprimanded and placed on probation before the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO" or "Office"). Respondent's reciprocal discipline is predicated on her violation of 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), having been disciplined by a duly constituted authority of a state.

Background

On May 4, 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 2395 and 7021 2720 0002 1229 2418) 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 July 30, 2025 Order of the Supreme Court of California in *In re Noreen Anne Krall*, SBC-24-C-30642. The Supreme Court of California suspended Respondent from the practice of law in California for one year, staying the execution of the suspension period, and placing Respondent on probation for one year (*i.e.*, imposed a fully probated suspension) in that jurisdiction.[1] The suspension was discipline imposed on ethical grounds. This was Respondent's fourth conviction

[1] The July 30, 2025 Order affirms the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court of California's Order dated May 2, 2025.

for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). At the time of the arrest, Respondent was driving on a suspended license from a previous DUI. Respondent's convictions involved other misconduct warranting discipline.

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 July 30, 2025 Order of the Supreme Court of California in *In re Noreen Anne Krall*, SBC-24-C-30642, 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 7, 2026 to the Respondent at the most recent address provided to the OED Director pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11(a). 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 public reprimand and placement on probation for a period of one year is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is hereby publicly reprimanded;

2. Respondent is placed on probation for a period of one year commencing on the date of this Final Order;

3. 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

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

Notice of Public Reprimand and Probation

This notice concerns Noreen A. Krall of Morgan Hill, California, who is a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 39,734) and an attorney licensed in California (Bar#202373). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has publicly reprimanded Ms. Krall and placed her on probation for one year for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), predicated upon Ms. Krall having been subject to a suspension from the practice of law for one year, with the execution of the suspension period stayed, and placed on probation for one year *(i.e.,* a fully probated suspension) by a duly constituted authority of a State.

Ms. Krall was convicted of violating: (1) Vehicle Code section 23152(b) [driving with a blood alcohol content level of .08 percent or more], a misdemeanor; (2) Vehicle Code section 23578 [driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.15 percent and more], a misdemeanor; (3) Vehicle Code sections 23612 and 23157 within the meaning of Vehicle Code section 23577(a) [willful refusal to submit to/complete chemical tests with prior conviction on or about February 21, 2023 in Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. F2300254 for violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(b)]; and (4) Penal Code section 166(a)(4) [contempt of court – willful disobedience of the terms of any process and lawful court order], a misdemeanor.

This was Ms. Krall's fourth conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). At the time of the arrest, Ms. Krall was driving on a suspended license from a previous DUI. The California State Bar Court hearing judge determined that Ms. Krall's convictions involved other misconduct warranting discipline. The hearing judge recommended that Ms. Krall be suspended from the practice of law for one year, that the execution of that suspension be stayed, and that Ms. Krall be placed on probation for one year. The State Bar Court of California affirmed the hearing judge's decision concluding that Ms. Krall had violated the Rules Procedure of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. For Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, 2.16(b).

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 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):

Ms. Noreen A. Krall
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and to where the OED Director reasonably believes Respondent receives mail:

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Via e-mail to the OED Director:

Sydney Johnson
[redacted]
Counsel for the OED Director

7/7/2026
Date

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