

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:	)	
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Willishia B. Plant,	)	Proceeding No. D2025-17
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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, Willishia B. Plant (“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 April 23, 2025, 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 1228 4345 and 7021 2720 0002 1228 4338) 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 Supreme Court of Florida in the Order dated August 8, 2024, in *The Florida Bar v. Willishia Brenay Plant*, SC2023-1582, which suspended Respondent from the practice of law for one hundred and eighty (180) days in that jurisdiction. 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 Supreme Court of Florida in *The Florida Bar v. Willishia Brenay Plant*, SC2023-1582, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1).

The Notice and Order was not able to be delivered to the Respondent. The Notice and Order was thus also published in the Official Gazette for two consecutive weeks on July 22, 2025 and July 29, 2025. Respondent did not file 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 law for one hundred and eighty (180) days 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 one hundred and eighty (180) days;
2. Respondent is granted limited recognition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.58(f) for thirty (30) days starting on the date of this Final Order so that Respondent may endeavor to conclude work on behalf of clients on any matters pending before the Office and, if such work cannot be concluded within such thirty (30) days, Respondent shall so advise each such client so that the client may make other arrangements;
3. The OED Director shall electronically publish the Final Order at OED's electronic FOIA Reading Room, which is publicly accessible at: <http://foiadocuments.uspto.gov>;
4. The OED Director publish a notice in the *Official Gazette* materially consistent with the following:

Notice of Suspension

This notice concerns Willishia B. Plant of Miami, Florida, a Florida-licensed attorney who is authorized to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in trademark and

non-patent matters. Ms. Plant is not authorized to practice before the USPTO in patent matters. In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the USPTO has ordered that Ms. Plant be suspended 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 one hundred and eighty (180) days from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State.

On November 16, 2023, The Florida Bar filed its Complaint against Ms. Plant in the Supreme Court of Florida. On April 11, 2024, through April 12, 2024, a final hearing was held in the matter in which Ms. Plant admitted to violating the following Rules Regulating The Florida Bar: 3-7.1(f) (Notice to Law Firms); 4-1.2(c) (Limitation of Objectives and Scope of Representation); 4-1.3 (Diligence); 4-1.4 (Communication). Ms. Plant did not admit to, but on June 20, 2024 was also found guilty of violating 4-8.4(c) (Misconduct Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Misrepresentation) by the Supreme Court of Florida (Before a Referee). On August 8, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida approved an uncontested report of the referee and suspended Ms. Plant from the practice of law for 180 days.

According to a June 20, 2024 Report of Referee in *The Florida Bar v. Willishia Brenay Plant*, SC2023-1582, the underlying facts leading to the 180-day suspension involved Respondent's handling of a client's landlord-tenant matter and handling a low-speed automobile impact personal injury case for the same client and the client's father. The client was Respondent's childhood friend. In part, Respondent did not advise the client of the purported limited scope nature of the representation; failed to communicate with the client after a falling out of her personal relationship with the client; failed to act with reasonable diligence in the landlord-tenant and personal injury matters and provided misleading information about the status of both matters.

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/>.

5. Effective the date of the expiration of the 30-day period of limited recognition afforded to Respondent under 37 C.F.R. § 11.58(f), the USPTO is hereby authorized to disable or suspend any USPTO.gov accounts registered to Respondent as of the date of this Final Order (including, but not limited to, all accounts that Respondent has ever established, sponsored, or

used in connection with any trademark or patent matter);

6. Respondent shall not apply for a USPTO verified Electronic System account, shall not obtain a USPTO verified Electronic System account, nor shall she have her name added to a USPTO verified Electronic System account, unless and until she is reinstated to practice before the USPTO;

7. Immediately upon expiration of the 30-day period of limited recognition afforded to Respondent under § 11.58(f), Respondent is prohibited from using, assessing, 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;

8. Until a petition seeking Respondent's reinstatement to practice before the USPTO is granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60, Respondent shall be prohibited, and the USPTO is authorized to disallow Respondent, from the following: (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

9. 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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Louis J. Boston Jr.
Associate General Counsel for General Law
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on delegated authority by

John A. 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 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 address listed by The Florida Bar for Respondent:

Ms. Willishia B. Plant



and to where the OED Director reasonably believes Respondent receives mail:

Ms. Willishia B. Plant



Via-email to the OED Director:

Sydney O. Johnson


Counsel for the OED Director

9/30/2025
Date


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