UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:	)	
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Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr.,	)	Proceeding No. D2026-15
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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, Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr. ("Respondent") is hereby excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO" or "Office"). Respondent's reciprocal discipline is for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h) by being publicly disciplined on ethical grounds by a duly constituted authority of a State.

Background

On March 20, 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 1329 and 7021 2720 0002 1229 1336) 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"). The Complaint requested that the Director of the USPTO impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to that imposed in connection with Respondent's February 24, 2025 "Resignation Form of Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr. (ELC 9.3(b))" ("Resignation Form") filed with the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in *In re Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr.*, Proceeding No. 24#00012, in which Respondent resigned from the practice of law in the State of Washington in lieu of discipline and was permanently disbarred for ethical misconduct.

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 State of Washington in *In re Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr.*, Proceeding No. 24#00012, 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 on June 2, 2026 and June 9, 2026. 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 exclusion is the appropriate discipline.

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

1. Respondent is hereby excluded Respondent from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the USPTO;

2. 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;

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

4. 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;

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 he have his name added to a USPTO verified Electronic System account, unless and until he 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;

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;

10. 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

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

Notice of Exclusion

> This notice concerns Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr. of Spokane, Washington, who is a registered patent attorney (Registration Number 77,053) and former State of Washington attorney (Bar Number 41723). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has ordered that Mr. Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr. be excluded from practice before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters for violating 37 C.F.R. § 11.804(h), predicated upon Mr. Zigler's resignation from the practice of law by a duly constituted authority of a State in lieu of discipline.
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> As alleged by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Washington State Bar Association, in 2024 and 2025 Mr. Zigler knowingly and intentionally converted and exerted unauthorized control over funds belonging to at least five clients. Mr. Zigler had not earned the client fees sent to him. For one such client, Mr. Zigler knowingly and intentionally converted approximately $63,736 in proceeds from the sale of the client's home, to which he was not entitled.
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> Mr. Zigler also failed to perform the agreed upon legal services for multiple clients. He failed to act with diligence and failed to adequately communicate with those same clients. In January 2025, Mr. Zigler abandoned his law practice without refunding unearned client fees or returning client files.

In lieu of discipline, Mr. Zigler agreed to resign from the practice of law in the State of Washington in *In re Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr.*, Proceeding No. 24#00012. In resigning, Mr. Zigler acknowledged that the Washington State Bar brought allegations of misconduct for multiple violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC"), including RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4, RPC 1.5, RPC 1.15A (b), (f) and (h), RPC 1.16(d), and RPC 8.4(b), (c), (i), and (n). Mr. Zigler acknowledged that his resignation could be treated as a disbarment by all other jurisdictions. He agreed, upon his resignation, to be subject to all restrictions that apply to a disbarred lawyer in the State of Washington.

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 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 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):

Mr. Kenneth Richard Zigler Jr.
Zigler Family Law, PLLC
201 W North River Dr, Suite 502
Spokane, WA 99201

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

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Spokane, WA 99223

and transmitted to the following email addresses as provided by Respondent to the OED Director:

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Via e-mail to the OED Director:

Sydney Johnson
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Counsel for the OED Director

8/4/2026
Date

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