

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Matter of:

Junwei Wayne Hou,

Respondent

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Proceeding No. D2011-41

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the public reprimand of Junwei Wayne Hou, (Respondent) is hereby ordered for violation of the ethical standard set out in 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6).

Background

On December 2, 2009, the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland publicly reprimanded Respondent for violating Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 and 1.7. Letter of Reprimand, BC Docket No. 2009-191-16-3 (Md. Att. Grievance Comm'n Dec. 2, 2009).

On October 14, 2011, a "Notice and Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" (Notice and Order) mailed by certified mail (receipt no. 70111150000146350508), informed Respondent that the Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED DGC) had filed a "Complaint for Reciprocal Discipline Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" (Complaint) requesting that the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent identical to the discipline imposed by the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland. The Notice and Order was delivered to Respondent on October 17, 2011.

The Notice and Order provided Respondent an opportunity to file, within forty days, a response opposing, based on one or more of the reasons provided in 37 C.F.R.

§ 11.24(d)(1), the imposition of reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland. 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: (1) there is no genuine issue of material fact under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d) and (2) a public reprimand of Respondent is appropriate.

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

- (a) Respondent is publicly reprimanded;
- (b) the OED DGC shall publish this Final Order;
- (c) the OED DGC shall publish the following notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

This notice concerns Junwei Wayne Hou of Gaithersburg, Maryland, an attorney licensed in Maryland and authorized to represent others before the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in trademark and non-patent matters. In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the USPTO Director ordered that Mr. Hou be reprimanded for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) by being reprimanded on ethical grounds in the State of Maryland. Mr. Hou is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before the USPTO.

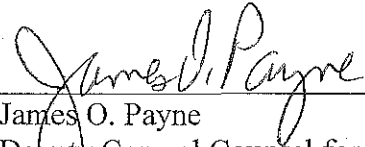
On December 2, 2009, the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland issued a Letter of Reprimand publicly reprimanding Mr. Hou for violating Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 and 1.7.

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 2(b)(2)(D) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.24 and 11.59. Disciplinary decisions involving practitioners are posted for public reading at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline's Reading Room located at: <http://des.uspto.gov/Foia/OEDReadingRoom.jsp>.

(d) the OED DGC, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 11.59, shall give notice of the public discipline and the reasons for the discipline to disciplinary enforcement agencies in the states where the Respondent is admitted to practice, to courts where the Respondent is known to be admitted, and the public.

JAN 10 2012

Date


James O. Payne
Deputy General Counsel for General Law
United States Patent and Trademark Office

on behalf of

David Kappos
Under Secretary of Commerce For Intellectual
Property and Director of the United States Patent
and Trademark Office


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Final Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24 was mailed first class certified mail, return receipt requested, this day to the Respondent at the following most recent address provided to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.11:

Junwei Wayne Hou
101 Chestnut Street, Suite 220-B
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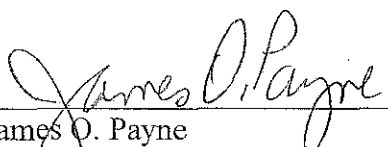
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