

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

In the Matter of:)
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Ronald A. Hurst, Jr.)
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Respondent)
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Proceeding No. D2011-48

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

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

A "Notice and Order Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" mailed September 15, 2011, (Notice and Order) informed 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 (USPTO or Office) impose reciprocal discipline upon Respondent, namely: a public reprimand. The request for the public reprimand of the Respondent in the Complaint was based upon a July 26, 2010, order issued by the Supreme Court of Florida in *The Florida Bar vs. Ronald Andersen Hurst, Jr.* (Supreme Court Case No.: SC10-672) publicly reprimanding Respondent. The Notice and Order directed that if Respondent seeks to contest imposition of his public reprimand pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), Respondent shall file, within 40 days, a response containing all information Respondent believes is sufficient to establish a genuine issue of material fact that the imposition of discipline

identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Florida would be unwarranted based upon any of the grounds permissible under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1).

The Notice and Order was mailed first-class certified mail, return receipt requested, to a Post Office box in Greenacres, Florida, which is the current address listed by the Florida State Bar for Respondent and where the OED Director reasonably believes Respondent receives mail. According to tracking information provided by the United States Postal Service, the Notice and Order was delivered to Respondent on September 19, 2011.

Respondent has not filed a response to the Notice and Order. 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d)(1). Accordingly, it is hereby determined that: 1) there is no genuine issue of material fact pursuant to 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 Director shall publish this Final Order;
- (c) the OED Director shall publish the following notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

Ronald A. Hurst, Jr., an attorney licensed in Florida and authorized to represent others before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in trademark and non-patent matters. Mr. Hurst has been publicly reprimanded by the USPTO for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) by having been publicly reprimanded by the Supreme Court of Florida. Mr. Hurst is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before the USPTO.

On July 26, 2010, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an order in *The Florida Bar vs. Ronald Andersen Hurst, Jr.* (Supreme Court Case No.: SC10-672), publicly reprimanding Mr. Hurst. The public reprimand was predicated upon a determination that Mr. Hurst informed the court in a case matter that he was


representing his client "pro bono" when in fact he expected a trial fee of \$6,000. Based on his failure to advise the court that he anticipated being paid a trial fee, Mr. Hurst admitted to violating R. Regulating Fla. Bar 4-8.4(d).

This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 2(b)(2)(D) and 37 C.F.R. § 11.24. 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 Director, 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 State where the practitioner is admitted to practice, to courts where the practitioner is known to be admitted, and the public.

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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 address which the current address listed by the Florida State Bar for Respondent and where the OED Director reasonably believes Respondent receives mail:

Ronald A. Hurst, Jr.
The Hurst Law Group
PO Box 540262
Greenacres, Florida 33454-0262

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