

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

In the Matter of:

Amelia Ambriz-Najera,

Respondent

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Proceeding No. D2011-37

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

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

Background

On May 11, 2011, in an Agreed Judgment of Public Reprimand issued in Docket Nos. H0110827802 and H0110827899, the Texas State Bar District Number 4 Grievance Committee publicly reprimanded Respondent for violating Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a).

On October 12, 2011, a "Notice and Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24" (Notice and Order) mailed by certified mail (receipt no. 70111150000146350461), 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 Texas State Bar District Number 4 Grievance Committee. 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 Texas State Bar District Number 4 Grievance Committee. 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 Amelia Ambriz-Najera of Houston, Texas, an attorney licensed in Texas 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 Ms. Ambriz-Najera be publicly reprimanded by the USPTO for violating 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(b)(6) when she was publicly reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas. Ms. Ambriz-Najera is not a registered patent practitioner and is not authorized to practice patent law before the USPTO.

In an Agreed Judgment of Public Reprimand filed May 12, 2010, in *Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Amelia Ambriz-Najera*, Case Numbers H0110827802 and H0110827899, the State Bar of Texas publicly reprimanded Ms. Ambriz-Najera. The public reprimand was predicated upon a determination that Ms. Ambriz-Najera violated the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in connection with grievances of two clients: 1.01(b)(1) (In representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the

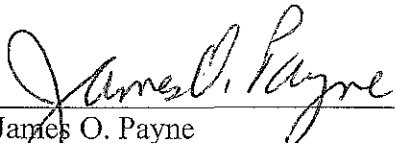
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This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.24 and 11.59. Disciplinary decisions involving practitioners are posted for public reading at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline's Reading Room located at: <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.

DEC 23 2011

Date



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

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Under Secretary of Commerce For Intellectual
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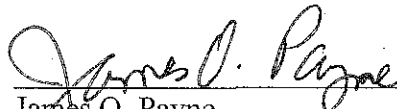
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