

**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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Anthony J. De Laurentis,)
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Respondent)
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_____)

Proceeding No. D2012-18

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

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.24(d), the exclusion of Anthony J. De Laurentis, (Respondent) from practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) in patent, trademark, and other non-patent law cases is hereby ordered for violation of the ethical standard set out in 37 C.F.R. §§10.23(a) and (b) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5)(i).

Background

On December 15, 2011 in *Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland v. Anthony J. De Laurentis* Misc. Docket AG No. 49, the Court of Appeals of Maryland disbarred Respondent by consent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction on ethical grounds.

On May 30, 2012, a “Notice and Order Under 37 C.F.R. § 11.24” (Notice and Order) mailed by certified mail (receipt no. 70113500000314475519), 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 Court of Appeals of Maryland. The

Notice and Order was delivered to Respondent on June 5, 2012.

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 Court of Appeals 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) exclusion of Respondent is appropriate.

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

- a) Respondent is excluded from the practice of patent, trademark, and other non-patent law before the USPTO.
- b) The OED Director publish the following Notice in the *Official Gazette*:

NOTICE of EXCLUSION

This notice concerns Anthony J. De Laurentis of Crofton, Maryland, who is a registered patent practitioner (Registration Number 24,757). In a reciprocal disciplinary proceeding, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office has ordered Mr. De Laurentis be excluded from practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in patent, trademark, and other non-patent law cases for violating 37 C.F.R. §§ 10.23(a) and (b) via 37 C.F.R. § 10.23(c)(5)(i) by being disbarred on consent from the practice of law in the State of Maryland on ethical grounds.

Mr. De Laurentis was disbarred on consent from practicing law in Maryland for participating in a conspiracy to suppress completion in three auction sales of tax liens throughout the state of Maryland in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act (15 U.S.C. § 1). He was not criminally charged, recognized his wrongful conduct and voluntarily terminated his participation herein, and cooperated in an investigation by the United States Department of Justice that culminated in the indictment and conviction of co-conspirators.

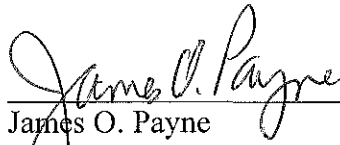
This action is taken pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 32 and 37 C.F.R.

§§ 11.19 and 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>.

- c) The OED DGC give notice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.59 of the public discipline 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.
- d) Directs such other and further relief as the nature of this cause shall require.

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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
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cc:

OED Deputy General Counsel

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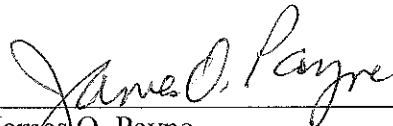
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