



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY THE
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
AFAMEFUNA IKENNA PRIDE OKEKE,	§	CAUSE NO. 71674
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24120500	§	

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON
PETITION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE
AND HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP) Part IX, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, filed a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against Afamefuna Ikenna Pride Okeke, Respondent, on September 4, 2025. The Petition states that on January 6, 2025, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a Final Order in the matter styled *In the Matter of Afamefuna Okeke*, Proceeding No. D2024-18, approving a settlement agreement and ordering that Respondent be suspended from practice before the USPTO for 30 days and until a petition for reinstatement is granted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 11.60, as well as ordering that Respondent be placed on probation for a period terminating 12 months after a USPTO decision reinstating Respondent, or if no petition for reinstatement is filed then terminating 24 months after then date the Final Order was signed. Respondent acknowledged that based on joint stipulated facts, his acts and omissions violated the following USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct: 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.101 (competence); 11.103 (diligence); 11.503(b)-(c) (responsibilities regarding non-practitioner assistants); 11.505 (unauthorized practice of law); 11.804(c) (misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation); 11.804(d) (misconduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). A true and correct copy of the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, which

includes the USPTO's Final Order, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth in full.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Respondent Afamefuna Ikenna Pride Okeke shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of service, show cause why the imposition of identical discipline, to the extent practicable, in Texas by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.02, would be unwarranted. If Respondent is served by mail, Respondent shall show cause within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Order to Show Cause. Respondent should consult Part IX of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure regarding the failure to file an answer. Failure to file a timely answer may waive Respondent's right to raise the defenses set forth in Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.04 and limit the scope of the hearing to exclude presentation of any such defenses. *See* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 9.01–04; BODA INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULES R. 7.03.

It is further **ORDERED** that this reciprocal discipline matter is set for hearing before the Board on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas.

SIGNED this 5th day of September 2025.



CHAIR PRESIDING