

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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U.S. COURT OF
FEDERAL CLAIMS

In the Matter of:

J. Michael Farrell

No. 17-11205

FINAL ORDER

On February 16, 2017, the Supreme Court of New Jersey issued an order temporarily suspending J. Michael Farrell from the practice of law pending the resolution of an ethics proceeding against him in New Jersey. *See In re J. Michael Farrell*, 153 A.3d 931 (2017). The order noted that Mr. Farrell was “convicted by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland of money laundering conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956; money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i); witness tampering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3); and tampering with official proceedings, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2).” *Id.* On April 3, 2017, Mr. Farrell notified the court that he was also suspended from practice by order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated March 10, 2017. *See In re J. Michael Farrell*, No. 17-mc-0022 (Pa. Mar. 13, 2017).

Mr. Farrell has been a member of this court’s bar since March 29, 1990. Under Rule 83.2(c)(2) of the Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims (“RCFC”), an attorney admitted to practice before this court may be disciplined on the grounds of an act or omission that results in the disbarment or suspension of the attorney by another court.

Furthermore, Mr. Farrell failed to promptly notify the court of his suspension. His failure to notify this court is a violation of RCFC 83.2(e)(1), which requires an attorney admitted to practice before this court to notify the Clerk in writing within fourteen (14) days of the attorney’s disbarment or suspension by another court. Failure to do so is grounds for discipline under RCFC 83.2(c)(4).

Pursuant to RCFC Rule 83.2(g)(6), an Order to Show Cause was issued by this court on June 23, 2017, directing Mr. Farrell to show cause within thirty (30) days why the court should not impose discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. To date, Mr. Farrell has not responded to the Order to Show Cause. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that J. Michael Farrell shall be suspended from the practice of law before the United States Court of Federal Claims, effective, *nunc pro tunc*, February

16, 2017, the date of his suspension by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The filing of any petition for reinstatement shall be governed by RCFC 83.2(k)(1).


MARY ELLEN COSTER WILLIAMS
Judge


ELAINE D. KAPLAN
Judge


LYDIA KAY GRIGGSBY
Judge