

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

U.S. COURT OF
FEDERAL CLAIMS

In the Matter of:

Jerry Gruenbaum

No. 16-11201

FINAL ORDER

On July 22, 2016, the Supreme Court of California entered an order summarily disbaring Mr. Gruenbaum from the practice of law in California effective December 4, 2016. *In re Gruenbaum*, No. 15-C-12767 (Cal. July 22, 2016). The court held that disbarment was warranted because the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut found Mr. Gruenbaum guilty of two counts of making and subscribing a false tax return, a felony offense involving moral turpitude in contravention of California Business and Professions Code § 6102(c). *Id.* at 1; *see United States v. Gruenbaum*, No. 14-153, slip op. (D. Conn. Jan. 29, 2015).

Mr. Gruenbaum has been a member of this court's bar since February 22, 1983. 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. Gruenbaum failed to promptly notify the court of his disbarment or his criminal conviction. His failure to notify this court is a violation of RCFC 83.2(e)(1)(A) and (B), which require an attorney admitted to practice before this court to notify the Clerk in writing within fourteen (14) days of the attorney's conviction of a serious crime, 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 February 15, 2017, directing Mr. Gruenbaum to show cause within thirty (30) days why the court should not impose discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of California. On February 15, 2017, a copy of the Order was mailed to Mr. Gruenbaum's address of record, and he was given thirty (30) days from that date to respond to the Order. To date, Mr. Gruenbaum has not responded to the Order to Show Cause. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Jerry Gruenbaum shall be disbarred from practice before the United States Court of Federal Claims effective, *nunc pro tunc*, December 4, 2016, the

date of his disbarment in California. Reinstatement is not automatic. The filing of any petition for reinstatement will be governed by RCFC 83.2(k)(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall serve Mr. Gruenbaum with a copy of this order.


MARY ELLEN COSTER WILLIAMS
Judge


ELAINE D. KAPLAN
Judge


LYDIA KAY GRIGGSBY
Judge