

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

In the Matter of:

John Michael Cassell

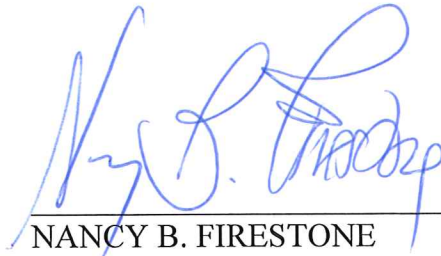
No. 19-11228

FINAL ORDER

On August 22, 2019, this Court issued an order directing Mr. Cassell to show cause within thirty (30) days why he should not be reciprocally disbarred from practice before this court, pursuant to the January 16, 2019 decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia annulling his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia. *See* ECF No. 5; *see also In re J. Michael Cassell*, Case No. 18-0067 (W. Va. Jan. 16, 2019). On September 5, 2019, the court received Mr. Cassell's response to this court's show cause order. *See* ECF No. 6. Therein, Mr. Cassell offers his sincere apologies for his oversight on failing to notify this Court of his disbarment, as he had "forgot[ten] that [he] had been admitted to this court." *Id.* at 1. Mr. Cassell states that he "waives . . . any right to reply or appear in this current matter" and further states, that the Court "may consider this to be [his] voluntary resignation or surrender of [his] license to practice in the Court." *Id.*

Mr. Cassell has been a member of this Court's bar since May 20, 1991, and has no currently pending cases. 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. For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that John Michael Cassell be disbarred from the practice of law before the United States Court of Federal Claims effective, *nunc pro tunc*, January 16, 2019, the date on which his license was annulled in West Virginia. The filing of any petition for reinstatement will be governed by RCFC 83.2(k), and Mr. Cassell's failure to notify this Court of his annulment will be considered as part of a decision on reinstatement.



NANCY B. FIRESTONE
Senior Judge



PATRICIA E. CAMPBELL-SMITH
Judge



RICHARD A. HERTLING
Judge