

# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

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U.S. COURT OF  
FEDERAL CLAIMS

**In the Matter of:**

**William Stephen Paleos**

**No. 17-11210**

## FINAL ORDER

On August 15, 2017, after considering the Joint Petition for an Order Placing Respondent on Inactive Status and William Stephen Paleos' affidavit of consent, the Court of Appeals of Maryland ordered that Mr. Paleos be indefinitely placed on inactive status as the final disposition of the disciplinary or remedial proceeding. *See In re Paleos*, 167 A.3d 605 (Md. 2017).


Mr. Paleos has been a member of this Court's bar since October 19, 1982. 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.


On January 26, 2018, the Court received a filing from Mr. Paleos notifying the Court of the discipline that was recently imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland and, subsequently, other jurisdictions. *See* RCFC 83.2(e)(1)(B) (requiring that an attorney admitted to practice before this Court notify the Clerk of Court in writing within 14 days of the attorney's suspension by another court). Mr. Paleos characterizes the disciplinary action taken by the Court of Appeals of Maryland as a suspension and asks the Court to order a reciprocal suspension to be coextensive with the discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Pursuant to RCFC Rule 83.2(g)(6), an Order to Show Cause was issued by this Court on February 6, 2018, directing Mr. Paleos to show cause within thirty (30) days why the Court should not impose discipline identical to that imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. To date, Mr. Paleos has not responded to the Order to Show Cause. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that William Stephen Paleos shall be indefinitely suspended from the practice of law before the United States Court of Federal Claims, effective, *nunc pro tunc*, August 15, 2017, the date his license was placed on inactive status in Maryland. The filing of any petition for reinstatement shall be governed by RCFC 83.2(k)(1).

  
MARY ELLEN COSTER WILLIAMS  
Judge

  
VICTOR J. WOLSKI  
Judge

  
NANCY B. FIRESTONE  
Senior Judge