



UNITED STATES TAX COURT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20217

June 24, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

The Chief Judge of the United States Tax Court announced today that the following practitioner has been suspended or disbarred by the United States Tax Court for reasons explained in the attached order.

1. Donald R. Harris



United States Tax Court

Washington, DC 20217

In the Matter of

Donald R. Harris,

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

The Court issued an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Harris on December 17, 2021, affording him the opportunity, on or before January 21, 2022, to show cause why he should not be suspended or disbarred from practice before this Court, or otherwise disciplined, and to appear at a hearing concerning his proposed discipline if he submitted, on or before January 21, 2022, notice of his intention to appear in person or by counsel. He was directed to send his response and notice in writing to admissions@ustaxcourt.gov.

The Order to Show Cause was based on Mr. Harris's suspension from the practice of law in the District of Columbia by Order of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, issued March 26, 2020, and his subsequent disbarment by opinion of the court filed August 26, 2021, in that disciplinary case. See In re Harris, 257 A.3d 1037 (D.C. 2021).

Mr. Harris failed to inform the Chair of the Court's Committee on Admissions, Ethics, and Discipline of the disciplinary action taken against him within 30 days, as required by Rule 202(b), Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Order to Show Cause was shipped by Federal Express (FedEx) to Mr. Harris's address of record with the Court, which mirrored his address of record in the DC Bar's online membership directory. The Order to Show Cause was returned to the Court by FedEx and received on December 22, 2021, with a label pasted on the Court's shipping envelope on which was written "Building Empty." No response was received from Mr. Harris. Accordingly, on February 4, 2022, the Order to Show Cause and an Order extending to March 7, 2022, the time within which Mr. Harris could respond, were emailed to Mr. Harris at the email address listed in the Court's DAWSON case management system.

The Court has received no response from Mr. Harris. Furthermore, Mr. Harris's right to a hearing is deemed waived as he did not advise the Court in writing on or before March 7, 2022, of his intention to appear at a hearing concerning his proposed discipline.

Upon due consideration and for cause, it is

ORDERED that the Court's Order to Show Cause, issued December 17, 2021, and re-served on Mr. Harris on February 4, 2022, is made absolute in that, under the provisions of Rule 202, Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure, Mr. Harris is disbarred from practice before the United States Tax Court. It is further

ORDERED that Mr. Harris's name is stricken from the list of practitioners who are admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court, and Mr. Harris is prohibited from holding himself out as a member of the Bar of the United States Tax Court. It is further

ORDERED that Mr. Harris's practitioner access to case files maintained by the Court in electronic form, if any access was given to him, is revoked. It is further

ORDERED that the Court will file orders to withdraw Mr. Harris as counsel in any pending cases in which he appears as counsel of record. It is further

ORDERED that Mr. Harris shall, within 20 days of service of this Order upon him, surrender to this Court his certificate of admission to practice before this Court.

By the Court:

Kathleen Kerrigan

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Chief Judge

Served **Jun. 24, 2022**