

UNITED STATES TAX COURT WASHINGTON, D.C. 20217

February 17, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

The Chief Judge of the United States Tax Court announced today that the following practitioner has been reprimanded by the United States Tax Court for reasons explained in an order issued in the case of the practitioner.

A copy of the order is attached.

1. Keith E. Timmons

Attachment

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

WASHINGTON, DC 20217

In re: Keith E. Timmons

ORDER OF REPRIMAND

By order entered September 1, 2016, the Court of Appeals of Maryland suspended Mr. Timmons from the practice of law in the State of Maryland for a period of 30 days, effective October 3, 2016. As of the date of the Maryland order of suspension, Mr. Timmons had no cases pending in this Court. By letter received October 3, 2016, Mr. Timmons informed the Co-Chairs of this Court's Committee on Admission, Ethics, and Discipline of the order of suspension of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, entered September 1, 2016, within 30 days, as required by Rule 202(b), Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Court issued an Order to Show Cause on November 21, 2016, affording Mr. Timmons the opportunity to show cause, if any, why he should not be suspended or disbarred from practice before this Court, or otherwise disciplined. The Order to Show Cause instructed Mr. Timmons to (1) submit a written response to the order on or before December 21, 2016, and (2) notify the Court in writing on or before December 21, 2016, of his intention to appear, in person or by counsel, at a hearing concerning his proposed discipline scheduled before the United States Tax Court, 400 Second Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20217, on January 17, 2017.

On December 21, 2016, in response to the Order to Show Cause issued to Mr. Timmons on November 21, 2016, Mr. Timmons submitted a Response to Order to Show Cause. On January 17, 2016, Mr. Timmons and his counsel appeared and were heard before a panel of Judges of this Court concerning Mr. Timmons's proposed discipline. During the hearing, although he stated that some of the facts at the Maryland disciplinary procedure were in dispute, Mr. Timmons through his counsel acknowledged his conduct giving rise to the Maryland suspension, accepted the decision, and offered no challenge to the due process of the Maryland disciplinary procedures or the result. Mr. Timmons's counsel also stated that Mr. Timmons had taken action to rectify the circumstances that led to the violation of the Maryland Lawyer's Rules of Professional Conduct. On

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November 14, 2016, Mr. Timmons was reinstated by the Court of Appeals of Maryland to the practice of law in Maryland.

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Upon careful consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the Court's Order to Show Cause issued November 21, 2016, is made absolute and Keith E. Timmons shall be reprimanded for the conduct giving rise to the discipline imposed upon him by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. This Order, a copy of which will be placed in Mr. Timmon's file at the Court and will be available to the public, shall serve as that reprimand.

(Signed) L. Pelge Marvel

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Dated: Washington, D.C. February 17, 2017