

UNITED STATES TAX COURT WASHINGTON, D.C. 20217

July 20, 2020

## PRESS RELEASE

The Chief Judge of the United States Tax Court announced today that William J. Helzlsouer has been suspended. A copy of the order is attached.

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In re: William J. Helzlsouer

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

This Court issued an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Helzlsouer on March 30, 2020, affording him the opportunity, on or before April 29, 2020, to show cause why he should not be suspended or disbarred from practice before this Court, or otherwise disciplined, and to attend a hearing concerning his proposed discipline if he provided written notice, on or before April 29, 2020, of his intention to appear at a hearing. The Order to Show Cause was based on the following information.

On December 8, 2010, Mr. Helzlsouer was privately reprimanded for violating a number of Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct in his handling of an estate matter. By Order dated June 5, 2012, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania suspended Mr. Helzlsouer by consent from the practice law in Pennsylvania for three months. execution of which was stayed, and placed him on probation for three months subject to conditions. See Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Helzlsouer, No. 1827 Disciplinary Docket No. 3, 2012 Pa. LEXIS 1329 (June 5, 2012). By Order dated September 27, 2017, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania suspended Mr. Helzlsouer from the practice of law in Pennsylvania for three months. See Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Helzlsouer, No. 2393 Disciplinary Docket No. 3, 2017 Pa. LEXIS 2287 (Sept. 27, 2017). By Order dated January 23, 2020, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania suspended Mr. Helzlsouer from the practice of law in Pennsylvania for one year and one day. See Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Helzlsouer, No. 2677 Disciplinary Docket No. 3, 2020 Pa. LEXIS 471 (Jan. 23, 2020). Furthermore, Mr. Helzlsouer failed to inform the Chair of the Court's Committee on Admissions, Ethics, and Discipline of the any of the disciplinary actions 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 mailed by both certified and regular mail to Mr. Helzlsouer's address of record with the Court, which is also his address of record with the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The tracking information on the United States Postal Service's website for the copy of the Order mailed by certified mail to Mr. Helzlsouer's address of record states: "Delivered – April 1, 2020 at 12:18 pm – Delivered, Left with Individual – Dravosburg, PA 15034".

The Order to Show Cause directed Mr. Helzlsouer to submit his response to the Court in writing by email. The Court has received no response from Mr. Helzlsouer. Furthermore, Mr. Helzlsouer's right to a hearing concerning his proposed discipline is deemed waived as he did not advise the Court in writing on or before April 29, 2020, 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 March 30, 2020, is made absolute in that, under the provisions of Rule 202, Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure, Mr. Helzlsouer is suspended from practice before the United States Tax Court until further order of the Court. <u>See</u> Rule 202(f), Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure, for reinstatement requirements and procedures. It is further

ORDERED that, until reinstated, Mr. Helzlsouer is prohibited from holding himself out as a member of the Bar of the United States Tax Court. It is further

ORDERED that Mr. Helzlsouer'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. Helzlsouer as counsel in any pending cases in which he appears as counsel of record.

By the Court:

(Signed) Maurice B. Foley

Maurice B. Foley Chief Judge

Dated: Washington, D.C. July 20, 2020