



Issue Date: 09 October 2008

Case No.: 2008-MIS-00005

In the Matter of the Qualifications of:

SCOTT N. ROBERTS,
Attorney.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Attorney Scott N. Roberts has represented claimants before the Office of Administrative Law Judges seeking benefits under the provisions of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 901 *et seq.*

Upon learning that Mr. Roberts had been suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months by the Connecticut Superior Court based on a failure to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct and the requirements for maintaining client funds, *see Disciplinary Counsel v. Scott Roberts*, No. 08-4008772 (Sept. 22, 2008), the Office of Administrative Law Judges issued an Order to Show Cause why an order should not be issued denying Mr. Roberts authority to appear before this Office for a period to run concurrently with his suspension from the practice of law in the State of Connecticut, and to give Mr. Roberts an opportunity to request a hearing on such a reciprocal suspension. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 18.34(g)(1) and § 18.34(g)(3); *In the Matter of Qualifications of Edward A. Slavin, Jr.*, ARB No. 04-088, ALJ No. 2004-MIS-2 (ARB Apr. 29, 2005).

On October 3, 2008, Mr. Roberts' attorney filed a response stating that Mr. Roberts does not contest a concurrent suspension in the federal judicial system, and that Mr. Roberts has not been practicing in any federal jurisdiction since the State suspension. Mr. Roberts asked only that the federal suspension coincide with the State suspension.

Based on the foregoing, **IT IS ORDERED** that Scott N. Roberts is suspended from practice before the United States Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges. Upon the end of his State suspension he may resume practice before this office.

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JOHN M. VITTON
Chief Administrative Law Judge