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Counsel for Respondent	Submitted to <input type="checkbox"/> assigned judge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> settlement judge STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING ACTUAL SUSPENSION <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED	
In the Matter of JEREMIAS FLORES VALDEZ Bar # 177675 A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)		

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted September 18, 1995 (date)
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation, are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation and order consist of 15 pages.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law."
- (6) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.
- (7) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
 - until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law unless relief is obtained per rule 284, Rules of Procedure.
 - costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years:

 (hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 284, Rules of Procedure)
 - costs waived in part as set forth under "Partial Waiver of Costs"
 - costs entirely waived

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, shall be set forth in the text component of this stipulation under specific headings, i.e. "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law."

B. Aggravating Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standard 1.2(b).] Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.

(1) Prior record of discipline [see standard 1.2(f)]

(a) State Bar Court case # of prior case 01-0-01296 and 02-0-11409 (consol.)
(S107951)

(b) date prior discipline effective October 5, 2002

(c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rules of Professional Conduct,

Rules 3-110(A), 4-100(A), 4-100(B)(3), 4-100(C)

(d) degree of prior discipline Two (2) years Suspension, stayed; Three (3) years Probation; Thirty (30) days Actual Suspension

(e) If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below or under "Prior Discipline".

- (2) Dishonesty: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) Trust Violation: Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
- (4) Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice.
- (5) Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.
- (6) Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.
- (7) Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.
- (8) No aggravating circumstances are involved.

Additional aggravating circumstances:

C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standard 1.2(e).] Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.

- (1) No Prior Discipline: Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.
- (2) No Harm: Respondent did not harm the client or person who was the object of the misconduct.
- (3) Candor/Cooperation: Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.
- (4) Remorse: Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.
- (5) Restitution: Respondent paid \$ _____ on _____ in restitution to _____ without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
- (6) Delay: These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.
- (7) Good Faith: Respondent acted in good faith.
- (8) Emotional/Physical Difficulties: At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and Respondent no longer suffers from such difficulties or disabilities.
- (9) Severe Financial Stress: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10) Family Problems: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.
- (11) Good Character: Respondent's good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12) Rehabilitation: Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13) No mitigating circumstances are involved.

Additional mitigating circumstances:

D. Discipline

1. Stayed Suspension.

A. Respondent shall be suspended from the practice of law for a period of Two (2) years

- i. and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct
- ii. and until Respondent pays restitution to _____ [payee(s)] (or the Client Security Fund, if appropriate), in the amount of _____, plus 10% per annum accruing from _____ and provides proof thereof to the Probation Unit, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel
- iii. and until Respondent does the following: _____

B. The above-referenced suspension shall be stayed.

2. Probation.

Respondent shall be placed on probation for a period of Three (3) years which shall commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein. (See rule 953, California Rules of Court.)

3. Actual Suspension.

A. Respondent shall be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of Sixty (60) days

- i. and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct
- ii. and until Respondent pays restitution to _____ [payee(s)] (or the Client Security Fund, if appropriate), in the amount of _____, plus 10% per annum accruing from _____ and provides proof thereof to the Probation Unit, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel
- iii. and until Respondent does the following: _____

E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1) If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she shall remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in general law, pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- (2) During the probation period, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent shall report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Probation Unit, all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (4) Respondent shall submit written quarterly reports to the Probation Unit on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, respondent shall state whether respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all

conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report shall be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (5) Respondent shall be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent shall promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, respondent shall furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Probation Unit. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (6) Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent shall answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Probation Unit of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (7) Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, respondent shall provide to the Probation Unit satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- No Ethics School recommended. Please see page 14.
- (8) Respondent shall comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and shall so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Probation Unit.
- (9) The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions |
- (10) Other conditions negotiated by the parties: Please see page 14.
- Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination: Respondent shall provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Probation Unit of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 951(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 321(a)(1) & (c), Rules of Procedure.
- No MPRE recommended. Please see page 14.
- Rule 955, California Rules of Court: Respondent shall comply with the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (c) of rule 955, California Rules of Court, within 30 and 40 days, respectively, from the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein.
- Conditional Rule 955, California Rules of Court: If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she shall comply with the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (c) of rule 955, California Rules of Court, within 120 and 130 days, respectively, from the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein.
- Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]: Respondent shall be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension.

ATTACHMENT TO
STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: JEREMIAS FLORES VALDEZ

CASE NUMBER(S): 02-O-14743; 03-O-01767; 03-O-03059; AND
INVESTIGATION MATTER 02-O-14077

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

Case No. 02-O-14743
Business and Professions Code Section 6068(a)
[Failure to Support Laws – Unauthorized Practice]

Facts:

1. On June 12, 2002, the State Bar of California Office of Certification sent a Minimum Continuing Legal Education (“MCLE”) Non-Compliance 60-Day Notice (“60-Day Notice”) to Respondent at his official State Bar membership records address. The 60-Day Notice warned Respondent that if he failed to provide adequate proof of compliance with the MCLE requirement by close of business on August 30, 2002, Respondent would be enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar and would not be permitted to practice law until such time as adequate proof of compliance was received by the State Bar. Respondent received the 60-Day Notice, but did not submit any proof of compliance with MCLE to the State Bar on or before close of business on August 30, 2002.

2. On August 2, 2002, the State Bar, Office of Certification, sent an MCLE Non-Compliance Final Notice (“Final Notice”) to Respondent at his official State Bar membership

records address. The Final Notice advised Respondent that he would be enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar and placed on a Not Entitled status if he failed to provide adequate proof of compliance with the MCLE requirements by close of business on August 30, 2002. Respondent received the Final Notice, but did not submit any proof of compliance with MCLE to the State Bar on or before close of business on August 30, 2002.

3. Effective September 3, 2002, Respondent was enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar and placed on a Not Entitled status by the State Bar of California for his failure to comply with the MCLE requirement. The Not Entitled status prohibited Respondent from practicing law as of September 3, 2002 and until being restored to active status. Respondent was not restored to Active status by the State Bar until December 16, 2002.

4. On September 13, 2002, while not entitled to practice law, Respondent sent a letter to Farmers Insurance Co. ("Farmers") enclosing a summons and complaint and making a demand to Farmers to settle the case on behalf of his clients Rustico Guzman, Sr. and Evangeline Mojica before Respondent served the summons and complaint on the defendants.

5. At the time Respondent sent the September 13, 2002 letter to Farmers, he was enrolled by the State Bar of California as an inactive member of the State Bar and on a Not Entitled status.

Legal Conclusions:

6. By sending the letter to Farmers on September 13, 2002 in which he demanded settlement of his clients' matter, Respondent held himself out to Farmers as entitled to practice law and actually practiced law when he was enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar and

not entitled to practice law, in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code sections 6125 and 6126, thereby failing to support the laws of the State of California in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(a).

Case No. 03-O-01767
Rules of Professional Conduct – Rule 3-110(A)
[Failure to Supervise Employees]

Facts:

7. On March 26, 2003, Respondent issued two checks, nos. 2156 and 2157, in the amounts of \$5,000.00 and \$3,334.00, respectively, drawn upon Respondent's client trust account no. 1100521 at International Bank of California (the "CTA"). On that date, the balance in Respondent's CTA was \$11,385.54.

8. Prior to issuing check nos. 2156 and 2157, Respondent had instructed an employee to deposit the funds required to cover check nos. 2156 and 2157 into his CTA. The employee failed to timely do so, however. Respondent did not verify that the employee had made the deposit and that the funds had in fact been posted to the CTA before Respondent issued check nos. 2156 and 2157.

9. On April 1, 2003, the opening balance in the CTA was \$5,779.41.

10. On April 1, 2003, check nos. 2156 and 2157 were presented to Respondent's bank for payment. These were the only two checks presented for payment on that date. Respondent's bank paid the checks, which resulted in a negative ending balance on April 1, 2003 of \$(-) 2554.59.

Legal Conclusions:

11. By failing to ensure, prior to issuing checks drawn on the CTA, that his employee had deposited the funds into the CTA necessary to cover the checks, as Respondent had instructed the employee to do, Respondent failed to adequately supervise his employee, in wilful violation of rule 3-110(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Case No. 03-O-03059
Business and Professions Code Section 6068(k)
[Failure to Comply With Conditions of Probation]**

Facts:

12. On May 1, 2002, Respondent entered into a Stipulation as to Facts, Conclusions of Law and Disposition (“Stipulation”) with the State Bar of California in case no. 01-O-01296 and Investigation Matter 02-O-11409.

13. On May 6, 2002, the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court (“Hearing Department”) filed and properly served on the parties an Order approving the Stipulation and recommending the disposition set forth in the Stipulation to the Supreme Court of the State of California (“Supreme Court”). Respondent received a copy of the Hearing Department’s Order approving the Stipulation.

14. On September 5, 2002, the Supreme Court filed an Order in case no. S107951 (State Bar Court Case Nos. 01-O-01296 and 02-O-11409, Consolidated), ordering among other things that Respondent comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department in its Order filed on May 6, 2002, which included, *inter alia*, the following

conditions:

(a) to submit to the Probation Unit written quarterly reports each January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year or part thereof during which the probation is in effect, certifying under penalty of perjury that he has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act and the Rules of Professional Conduct during the preceding calendar quarter or part thereof covered by the report and to file a final report no earlier than twenty days prior to the expiration of the probation period and no later than the last day of said period;

(b) to develop within 90 days of the effective date of the discipline herein, a law office management/organization plan, which must be approved by the Probation Unit; and

(c) to file for any period where Respondent possesses client funds at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly report, with each required report, a certificate from Respondent and/or a Certified Public Accountant or other financial professional approved by the Probation Unit, certifying that:

- (1) Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California and that such account is designated as a "Trust Account" or "Clients' Funds Account;"
- (2) Respondent has kept and maintained a written ledger for each client on whose behalf funds are held; and
- (3) Respondent has maintained a written journal of securities or other properties held for clients.

15. The Supreme Court's Order was properly served on the parties. Respondent

received a copy of the Supreme Court's Order.

16. The Supreme Court's Order became effective on October 5, 2002.

17. Respondent knew of the aforementioned requirements and conditions of his probation and knew the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order was October 5, 2002. Furthermore, Respondent knew that his quarterly reports were due to be filed with the Probation Unit of the State Bar ("Probation Unit") not later than January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of each year he remained on probation, beginning with his first report that was due not later than January 10, 2003; he knew that his law office management plan was to be submitted to the Probation Unit not later than January 3, 2003; and he knew that his or his accountant's certificate certifying the information recited in paragraphs 14 (c) (1), (2) and (3), above, was due with each of his quarterly reports, beginning with the first report due to be filed with the Probation Unit not later than January 10, 2003.

18. Respondent failed to file with the Probation Unit the quarterly reports that were due not later than January 10, April 10, and July 10, 2003; failed to submit a law office management plan to the Probation Unit by January 3, 2003; and failed to submit to the Probation Unit any certificates from either himself or an accountant, certifying the information recited in paragraphs 14 (c) (1), (2) and (3), above, which were due not later than January 10, April 10, and July 10, 2003.

Legal Conclusions:

19. By failing to file with the Probation Unit the quarterly reports that were due not later than January 10, April 10, and July 10, 2003; failing to submit a law office management plan to

the Probation Unit by January 3, 2003; and failing to submit to the Probation Unit any certificates from either himself or an accountant, certifying the information recited in paragraphs 14 (c) (1), (2) and (3), above, which were due not later than January 10, April 10, and July 10, 2003, Respondent failed to comply with conditions of his probation in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(k).

Investigation Matter 02-O-14077
Rules of Professional conduct – Rule 3-110(A)
[Failure to Supervise Employees]

Facts:

20. In February 2002, Respondent maintained a law office in the San Francisco Bay Area (the “San Francisco office”). Respondent also maintained at that time a client trust account in San Francisco at the Bank of America, account no. 16643-00906 (the “BofA CTA”), which was used to deposit client funds received by the San Francisco office.

21. In February 2002, Respondent shut down his San Francisco office. After transferring his clients’ files to the clients’ new counsel, Respondent instructed his employees at the San Francisco office to not deposit any more funds in the BofA CTA. Instead, he instructed his employees to return any checks payable to clients and Respondent’s law office that might come in to the makers of the checks with the request that the makers reissue the checks payable to the clients and clients’ new counsel. Respondent further instructed his employees not to issue any checks drawn on the BofA CTA without first obtaining Respondent’s authorization to do so.

22. At the time Respondent closed down his San Francisco office, he did not close his BofA CTA and transfer any funds remaining in that account to another client trust account. Nor

did Respondent take custody of the BofA CTA checks. Respondent closed the BofA CTA at the beginning of July 2002.

23. Despite Respondent's instructions to his employees, after closing down the San Francisco office in February 2002, to not deposit any further client funds into the BofA CTA and return any client settlement checks to the makers of the checks, Respondent's employees did in fact deposit client funds into the BofA CTA in March, April and June of 2002 without Respondent's knowledge or consent. The employees did not return several client settlement checks sent to the San Francisco office to the checks' makers, with requests that the makers reissue the checks to the clients and their new counsel, as Respondent had instructed them to do.

24. On June 12, 2002, one of Respondent's employees issued check no. 1498, drawn on the BofA CTA, in the amount of \$1,802.00, payable to Jose Preciado, a former client of Respondent's, without Respondent's knowledge or authorization. The check was presented for payment on June 24, 2002 when the balance in the BofA CTA was \$741.04. The bank paid the check against insufficient funds.

25. By failing to ensure that his employees carried out his instructions to not make any further deposits of funds to the BofA CTA; to return any client settlement checks to the checks' makers with instructions to reissue the checks to the clients and clients' new counsel; and to not disburse any monies from the BofA CTA without first obtaining Respondent's authorization, Respondent failed to adequately supervise his employees, in wilful violation of rule 3-110(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

PENDING PROCEEDINGS.

The disclosure date referred to, on page one, paragraph A.(6), was February 5, 2004.

STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL EXCLUSION.

It is not recommended that respondent attend State Bar Ethics School since respondent attended Ethics School within the last two years on **August 14, 2003** in connection with case numbers 01-O-01296 et al.

STATE BAR CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT SCHOOL EXCLUSION.

It is not recommended that respondent attend State Bar Client Trust Account School since respondent attended Ethics School within the last two years on **August 15, 2003** in connection with case numbers 01-O-01296 et al.

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION EXCLUSION.

It is recommended that respondent not be required to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination because he was ordered to take and pass the examination on **August 8, 2003** in connection with case numbers 01-O-01296 et al.

OTHER CONDITIONS NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES.

Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing legal education courses in law practice management above the hours of minimum continuing legal education required for his license, and shall provide satisfactory proof of his completion of these additional courses to the Probation Unit of the State Bar of California within one (1) year of the effective date of the disciplinary order imposed herein.

02-05-04
Date


Respondent's signature

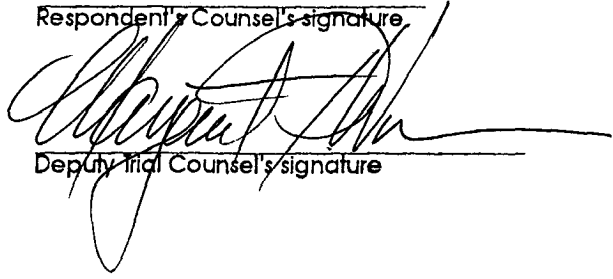
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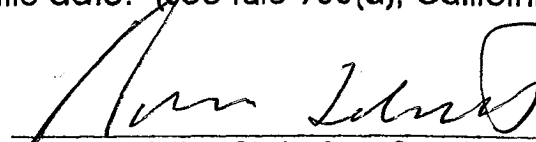
ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 135(b), Rules of Procedure.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 953(a), California Rules of Court.)

2/6/04
Date


Judge of the State Bar Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on February 10, 2004, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION
AND ORDER APPROVING, filed February 10, 2004**

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

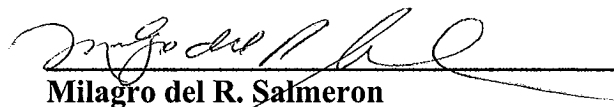
- [X] by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

**JEREMIAS F VALDEZ ESQ
3540 WILSHIRE BLVD #1018
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010**

- [X] by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Margaret P. Warren , ESQ, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on **February 10, 2004.**



Milagro del R. Salmeron
Case Administrator
State Bar Court