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THE STATE BAR COURT

ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM - LOS ANGELES

10 In the Matter of) Case No. 03-O-~~9950-RAH~~
11 IRA COHEN,)
12 No. 79888) STIPULATION FOR IMPOSITION OF
13 A Member of the State Bar) PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS AS CONDITION
14) OF ADP

15 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED between the State Bar of California through Deputy
16 Trial Counsel Brooke Schafer, and Respondent, Ira Cohen, assisted by his counsel JoAnne
17 Earls Robbins, as follows:

18 1. JURISDICTION

19 Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on June 23,
20 1978, and was at all times relevant hereto a member of the State Bar of California.

21 2. PROCEEDINGS INVOLVED

22 It is the intention of the parties to enter into a stipulation that Respondent be subject
23 to certain pra
24 ctice restrictions, pursuant to the terms of his Alternative Discipline Program (ADP) Contract
25 sections 9 and 13, which was signed on January 21, 2005, and pursuant to Business and
26 Professions Code section 6233.

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3. WAIVERS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES

It is understood, acknowledged and agreed by the parties to this Stipulation that:

i. Respondent has admitted to have not been cooperating with the State Bar in open investigations, namely with respect to case nos. 05-O-4634 and 06-O-10677;

ii. Respondent waives a formal hearing before a Judge of the State Bar Court to determine whether good cause exists to impose practice restrictions;

iii. this Stipulation does not dispose of any disciplinary matter now pending against Respondent, nor does it constitute discipline;

iv. if this Stipulation is approved by a Judge of the State Bar Court, the parties expressly waive their right of review pursuant to Rule 301 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar Court and any right of appeal to the Supreme Court of California authorized pursuant to Rules 952, 952.5 and 953 of the California Rules of Court. The parties understand that the Order approving this Stipulation will result in Respondent's becoming subject to these practice restrictions immediately after service of the Order;

v. execution of this Stipulation by the parties hereto does not constitute an agreement or recommendation to abate any pending disciplinary matters pending against Respondent, nor does it obviate any other duties and responsibilities Respondent owes to the State Bar Court and/or Lawyer Assistance Program;

vi. upon becoming subject to the practice restrictions imposed hereby, Respondent will remain subject to the restrictions until such time as the Court orders the remedies to be terminated;

vii. this stipulation does not preclude the underlying failures to cooperate to be cause for termination from the ADP, or to be cause to be placed on inactive status.

This stipulation may be used in any subsequent ADP proceeding.

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viii. Respondent understands that violation of this stipulation can by itself form the basis for increased sanctions within his ADP participation, including but not limited to termination from the Program.

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4. RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION

It is recommended that Respondent be subject to the following practice restrictions pursuant to the terms of his ADP contract at sections 9 and 13, and of Business and Professions Code section 6233, and that he remain subject to these restrictions until further order of the Court:

- a. Respondent shall cooperate with the State Bar in all outstanding disciplinary investigations where he has not yet done so;
- b. Respondent shall not handle or possess client funds;
- c. Respondent shall continue compliance with this ADP contract;
- d. Respondent shall not contract or advertise in his own name, or in the name of his

own law firm, for any legal representation of others. "Contract" includes written or oral agreements made directly with a client to perform legal services for that client, for compensation or not, ~~but does not include that work allowed under part (e) of this section,~~
~~below;~~

work under the direction of

e. Respondent must at all times ~~associate with~~ at least one other attorney. ~~Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude Respondent from doing legal work for others as a non-primary attorney.~~

Respectfully submitted,

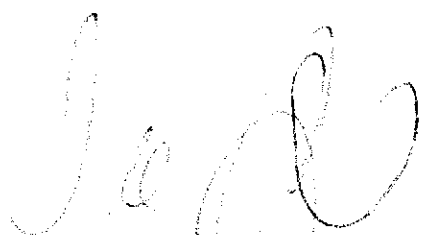
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DATED: 6-19-06

By: 
IRA COHEN
Respondent

DATED: 6-19-06


By: 
JOANNE EARLS ROBBINS
Counsel for Respondent

In re Ira Cohen,) Case no. 03-O-00950
bar no. 79888)
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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Finding the above Stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation is APPROVED

Dated 6/19, 2006



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 of California. 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 June 21, 2006, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**STIPULATION FOR IMPOSITION OF PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS AS
CONDITION OF ADP; ORDER**

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:

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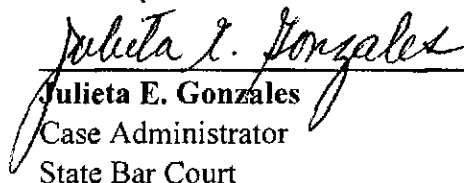
- [X] by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Brooke A. Schafer, Enforcement, Los Angeles

Terrie L. Goldade, Office of Probation, Los Angeles

Membership Records Department, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on **June 21, 2006**.



Julieta E. Gonzales
Case Administrator
State Bar Court