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PUBLIC MATTER

Bar # 57703

Submitted to: **Assigned Judge**

In the Matter Of:
GEORG DAVID HARTSON

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

Bar # 119812

STAYED SUSPENSION; NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION

A Member of the State Bar of California
(Respondent)

PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted **December 10, 1985**.
- (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 consists of **13** pages, not including the order.
- (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) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."



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- (7) 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.
- (8) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
- costs added to membership fee for calendar year following effective date of discipline.
 - costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: **three billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court Order**
(hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 284, Rules of Procedure)
 - costs waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs"
 - costs entirely waived

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 **02-O-14177**
 - (b) Date prior discipline effective **July 2, 2004**
 - (c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations:
 - (d) Degree of prior discipline **Public reproof**
 - (e) If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below or a separate attachment entitled "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 with 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.

Respondent has presented a medical report from Dr. Romana Zvereva, a psychiatrist, stating that Respondent suffered from depression, and that his problems at work were most likely due to his family and emotional problems.

If called to testify, Respondent would testify as follows: His medical condition was intensified by his step-father's becoming afflicted with Alzheimer's disease starting in about mid-2004 and Respondent's mother's death in May of 2005. Respondent's depression significantly contributed to his conduct which is the subject of this proceeding. Respondent, realizing his need for assistance, voluntarily enrolled in the Lawyer's Assistance Program in about May of 2007, and he has been receiving effective treatment in accordance with that Program.

- (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.

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- (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 must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **one year**.
- 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 as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii. and until Respondent does the following:

The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

- (2) **Probation:**
- Respondent is placed on probation for a period of **three years**, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18 California Rules of Court)

E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1) During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (2) Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), 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.
- (3) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (4) Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must 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. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and

current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must 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 must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must 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 must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (6) Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation 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 must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the State Bar Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- No Ethics School recommended. Reason: _____
- (8) Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.
- (9) The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions |

F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:

- (1) **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation within one year. **Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 321(a)(1) & (c), Rules of Procedure.**
- No MPRE recommended. Reason: _____
- (2) **Other Conditions:**

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Law Office Management Conditions

- a. Within days/ **3** months/ years of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must develop a law office management/organization plan, which must be approved by the Office of Probation. This plan must include procedures to (1) send periodic reports to clients; (2) document telephone messages received and sent; (3) maintain files; (4) meet deadlines; (5) withdraw as attorney, whether of record or not, when clients cannot be contacted or located; (6) train and supervise support personnel; and (7) address any subject area or deficiency that caused or contributed to Respondent's misconduct in the current proceeding.
- b. Within days/ months/ years of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of no less than hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) approved courses in law office management, attorney client relations and/or general legal ethics. This requirement is separate from any MCLE requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for attending these courses (Rule 3201, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.)
- c. Within 30 days of the effective date of the discipline, Respondent must join the Law Practice Management and Technology Section of the State Bar of California and pay the dues and costs of enrollment for year(s). Respondent must furnish satisfactory evidence of membership in the section to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California in the first report required.

Medical Conditions

- a. Unless Respondent has been terminated from the Lawyer Assistance Program ("LAP") prior to respondent's successful completion of the LAP, respondent must comply with all provisions and conditions of respondent's Participation Agreement with the LAP and must provide an appropriate waiver authorizing the LAP to provide the Office of Probation and this court with information regarding the terms and conditions of respondent's participation in the LAP and respondent's compliance or non-compliance with LAP requirements. Revocation of the written waiver for release of LAP information is a violation of this condition. However, if respondent has successfully completed the LAP, respondent need not comply with this condition.
- b. Respondent must obtain psychiatric or psychological help/treatment from a duly licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, or clinical social worker at respondent's own expense a minimum of _____ times per month and must furnish evidence to the Office of Probation that respondent is so complying with each quarterly report. Help/treatment should commence immediately, and in any event, no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the discipline in this matter. Treatment must continue for _____ days or months or _____ years or, the period of probation or until a motion to modify this condition is granted and that ruling becomes final.

If the treating psychiatrist, psychologist, or clinical social worker determines that there has been a substantial change in respondent's condition, respondent or Office of the Chief Trial Counsel may file a motion for modification of this condition with the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court, pursuant to rule 550 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. The motion must be supported by a written statement from the psychiatrist, psychologist, or clinical social worker, by affidavit or under penalty of perjury, in support of the proposed modification.

- c. Upon the request of the Office of Probation, respondent must provide the Office of Probation with medical waivers and access to all of respondent's medical records. Revocation of any medical waiver is a violation of this condition. Any medical records obtained by the Office of Probation are confidential and no information concerning them or their contents will be given to anyone except members of the Office of Probation, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, and the State Bar Court, who are directly involved with maintaining, enforcing or adjudicating this condition.

Other:

*Condition A is also considered satisfied by receiving treatment from a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist twice a month (or as otherwise ordered by the psychiatrist or psychologist) for the probationary period. Respondent must also provide an appropriate waiver authorizing the treating doctor to provide the Office of Probation and this court with information regarding

(Medical Conditions form approved by SBC Executive Committee 10/16/2000. Revised 12/16/2004. 12/13/2006.)

Respondent's attendance at and participation in treatment. Revocation of the written waiver for release of information is a violation of this condition. Respondent must also certify in his quarterly reports that he is attending, participating, and complying with treatment. If Respondent is obtaining treatment less than twice per month, he must inform the Office of Probation, and certify that his treating doctor authorized the reduction.

Attachment to Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law and Disposition
in the Matter of GEORG HARTSON

Case no. 05-0-03751

I. Facts

1. In January 2003, Ronald G. Parker ("Ronald") hired Respondent to represent him in what was expected to be an uncontested dissolution of marriage from his spouse, Lillie M. Parker ("Lillie"). Respondent told Ronald that it would take a minimum of six months from the date the petition was filed to finalize the dissolution.

2. Between January 2, 2003 and March 7, 2003, Ronald paid Respondent \$1,400 in advanced attorney fees and \$250 in advanced cost.

3. On February 19, 2003, Respondent filed a "Petition of Dissolution of Marriage" on behalf of Ronald in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles ("Superior Court" or ("LASC")), titled *Ronald G. Parker v. Lillie M. Parker*, LASC Case No. ED031453 ("*Parker v. Parker*").

4. On April 7, 2003, Lillie filed an *in pro per* "Respondent and Request for Dissolution of Marriage" in *Parker v. Parker*.

5. Between November 2003 and February 2004, Ronald called Respondent's office regularly and left messages on Respondent's voice message system requesting that Respondent provide a status report on the dissolution.

6. If called to testify in this matter, Respondent would testify that due to problems at Respondent's office, Respondent did not receive most of the messages and therefore did not respond to Ronald except on one or two occasions.

7. On February 25, 2004, Ronald sent an email to Respondent stating that Respondent failed to respond to the messages left by Ronald on Respondent's voice message system, and stating to Respondent, *inter alia*, that Ronald: had contacted the Superior Court and determined that the work he had expected had not been performed; had contacted an attorney who advised Ronald to report Respondent to the State Bar; and would take action against Respondent if Respondent did not respond within seven business days. Respondent received the email.

8. In response to the email, Respondent contacted Ronald, talked to him, and arranged a meeting for April 30, 2004. Respondent believed that he had performed all the legal services he could up to that time and that he needed additional documentation and pleadings from Lillie to proceed with the dissolution.

9. On April 30, 2004, Ronald met with Respondent and signed an "Appearance, Stipulations, and Waivers" that stipulated, *inter alia*, that the dissolution could be tried as an uncontested matter, and a Declaration for Default or Uncontested Dissolution." At this

time, it was still necessary for Respondent to obtain signed financial statements and declarations from both Ronald and Lillie.

10. In May 2004, Respondent called Lillie to discuss *Parker v. Parker* and documents that Lillie would have to file to obtain an uncontested divorce. Respondent offered to prepare and mail the documents to Lillie to sign and return to him to file, which Lillie agreed to do.

11. On May 31, 2004, Lillie received from Respondent an "Appearance, Stipulations, and Waivers" that stipulated, *inter alia*, that the dissolution could be tried as an uncontested matter, and a "Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure and Income and Expense Declaration."

12. By September, 2004, Respondent had received the necessary financial statements and declarations from both Ronald and Lillie to prepare and submit to the Court for final dissolution.

13. Over the following several months Ronald called Respondent's office regularly and left messages on Respondent's voice message system requesting that Respondent finalize the dissolution or refund the unearned fees.

14. Respondent only generally responded to two or three of Ronald's messages and did not otherwise communicate with Ronald until late April 2005 when Respondent called Ronald and promised to provide a status report on May 6, 2005.

15. Respondent did not provide the status report to Ronald by May 6, 2005.

16. On May 6, 2005, Ronald mailed a letter to Respondent memorializing Respondent's failure to perform, communicate and provide the promised status report, and informing Respondent that Ronald would report Respondent to the State Bar. Respondent received the letter.

17. Respondent did not respond to Ronald's letter or otherwise communicate with Ronald.

18. In June 13, 2005, Ronald mailed a complaint regarding Respondent to the State Bar.

19. On June 17, 2005, the State Bar opened an investigation, Case No. 05-0-03751, pursuant to the complaint filed by Ronald (the "Parker matter").

20. On July 15, 2005, a State Bar Complaint Analyst prepared and mailed a letter to Respondent regarding the Parker matter. The Complaint Analyst's letter requested that Respondent respond in writing to specified allegations of misconduct being investigated by the State Bar in the Parker matter, including but not limited to Respondent's failure to perform. Respondent received the letter.

21. On August 1, 2005, Respondent filed the documents signed by Ronald and Lillie that Respondent had received a year earlier, as well as a "Judgment of Dissolution," "and a Notice of Entry of Judgment," with the Superior Court in *Parker v. Parker*.

22. On August 1, 2005, Ronald left a message for Respondent to do no further work and that he had filed a small claims action against him.

23. On August 11, 2005, Respondent sent an email to Ronald informing him that, *inter alia*, Respondent had received correspondence from the State Bar; that the Superior Court had received the documents that Respondent filed on August 1, 2005; and, that Respondent expected the Superior Court to process the dissolution judgment by the end of August 2005.

24. On September 6, 2005, the Superior Court returned the Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment to Respondent with instructions to re-file them because they were the improper forms, *i.e.*, the forms had revised January 1, 2005. Respondent received the instructions from the Superior Court and returned documents.

25. Respondent did not file the proper Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment upon receipt of the returned Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment.

26. For about a year, Respondent did not inform Ronald that the dissolution papers had been rejected and that corrections needed to be made and the papers re-filed.

27. On July 31, 2006, Ronald filed a Small Claims Court action against Respondent titled *Ronald G. Parker v. David Hartson*, Small Claims Case No. LAS 06S01229, claiming that Respondent owed him for fees paid but not earned ("*Parker v. Hartson*"). The trial was set for September 7, 2006.

28. On September 7, 2006, the Small Claims Court awarded Ronald a judgment against Respondent of \$700 for fees paid but not earned in *Parker v. Hartson* when Respondent failed to appear. The clerk of the court served a copy of the judgment and notice of entry of judgment on Respondent. Respondent received the copy of the judgment and notice of entry of judgment.

29. Respondent did not obtain a judgment of dissolution of marriage in *Parker v. Parker*.

30. On September 7, 2007, Respondent sent Ronald a check for \$770.58 to pay off the Judgment, principal plus interest, and thereby returned the unearned fees.

II. Conclusions of Law

31. By failing to provide any legal services from September 2004 to August 2005, Respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform legal services with competence, in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110.

32. By failing to respond to the messages regularly left by Ronald to provide a status report between in or about February 2004 and in or about November 2006, Respondent wilfully failed to respond promptly to reasonable status inquiries of a client in violation of Business and Professions code, section 6068(m).

33. By failing to take any effective action to obtain a dissolution of marriage from September 2004 to August 2005, including but not limited to failing to take any action until the State Bar informed Respondent on or about July 15, 2005 that Ronald had filed a complaint, Respondent violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

34. By failing to refund at least \$700 in unearned attorney fees, Respondent wilfully failed to refund promptly any part of a fee paid in advance that has not been earned in violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

III. Supporting Authority

Standard 2.4(b) of the Standards for professional conduct, states:

Culpability of a member of wilfully failing to perform services in an individual matter or matters not demonstrating a pattern of misconduct or culpability of a member of wilfully failing to communicate with a client shall result in reproof or suspension depending upon the extent of the misconduct and the degree of harm to the client.

IV. Estimate of Costs of Disciplinary Proceedings


Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of February 11, 2009, the estimated prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$3,654.00. Respondent acknowledges that this figure is an estimate only. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

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SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disposition.

<u>2-26-09</u>		_____ GEORG HARTSON Print Name
Date <u>3/2/9</u>	_____ Respondent's Signature	_____ ARTHUR L. MARGOLIS Print Name
Date <u>3/2/09</u>	_____ Respondent's Counsel Signature	_____ CHRISTINE SOUHRADA Print Name
Date	_____ Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	_____ Print Name

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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.
- All Hearing dates are vacated.

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 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)**

03-04-09 _____
Date Judge of the State Bar Court

RICHARD A. PLATEL

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 March 6, 2009, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

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

- 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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- by certified mail, No. _____, with return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service at _____, California, addressed as follows:

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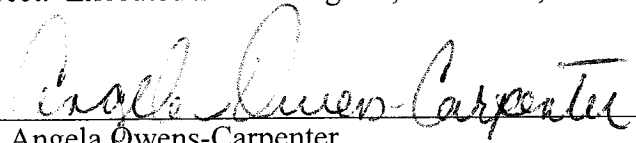
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- By personal service by leaving the documents in a sealed envelope or package clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served with a receptionist or a person having charge of the attorney's office, addressed as follows:

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

CHRISTINE SOUHRADA, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 6, 2009.


Angela Owens-Carpenter
Case Administrator
State Bar Court