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**State Bar Court of California
Hearing Department
Los Angeles**

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| <p>In Pro Per Respondent</p> <p>Louis G. Bruno 135 W. Mission Avenue, Suite 105 Escondido, CA 92025 760-746-9973</p> | <p>Submitted to: Assigned Judge</p> | |
| <p>Bar # 137898</p> <p>In the Matter Of: LOUIS GORDON BRUNO</p> <p>Bar # 137898</p> <p>A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)</p> | <p>STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING</p> <p>STAYED SUSPENSION; NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED</p> | |

PUBLIC MATTER

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 7, 1988**.
- (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 **14** 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: **for the two (2) billing cycles following 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
 - (b) Date prior discipline effective
 - (c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations:
 - (d) Degree of prior discipline
 - (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. **See Attachment Page 6**
- (8) **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

Additional aggravating circumstances

N/A

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.
- (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

See Attachment Pages 6 & 7

D. Discipline:

(1) **Stayed Suspension:**

(a) Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **one (1) 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 **two (2) 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

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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:

Substance Abuse Conditions

Law Office Management Conditions

Medical Conditions

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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Attachment language (if any):

SEE ATTACHMENT PAGES 1 THROUGH 7

ATTACHMENT TO
STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: LOUIS GORDON BRUNO

CASE NUMBER(S): 05-O-04360

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Louis G. Bruno ("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.

FACTS

1. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on December 7, 1988, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.
2. On or about February 4, 2003, Harmon E. Harris, Jr. ("Mr. Harris") employed Respondent to represent him in an action against Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate"). Mr. Harris wanted to sue Allstate because Allstate had failed to reimburse Mr. Harris for the full amount of the property damage his vehicle sustained in an accident with another vehicle driven by a woman insured by Allstate.
3. On or about January 23, 2004, Respondent filed a complaint for breach of contract, negligence, and unfair business practices on behalf of Mr. Harris, entitled *Harmon Edward Harris v. Allstate Insurance Company*, in San Diego Superior Court, North County Branch, Case Number IN035161 (the "lawsuit").
4. On or about May 28, 2004, Allstate's attorneys, Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLP ("Luce Forward") filed a general denial and affirmative defenses in response to the complaint. The general denial and affirmative defenses were served on Respondent by mail and were not returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service. Respondent received the documents.
5. On or about July 16, 2004, Respondent appeared at a case-management conference in the lawsuit. An associate attorney with Luce Forward appeared on behalf of Allstate. At the case-management conference, the court set the trial in the lawsuit to take place on January 21, 2005 and set a trial-readiness conference for January 7, 2005. At the case-management conference, Allstate's attorney requested the earliest possible hearing date

for a motion for judgment on the pleadings that Allstate would be filing. Allstate's attorney explained to the court and Respondent that there was no basis in law for Mr. Harris to sue Allstate because Allstate was not Mr. Harris's insurance company and that Mr. Harris's tort claims were barred as a matter of well-settled California law. This was what would form the basis of Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings. The court set the hearing on Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings for October 22, 2004. As Respondent was present at the case-management conference, he received proper notice of the trial date, the trial-readiness conference date, and the date for the hearing on Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings.

6. Respondent subsequently informed Mr. Harris about the January 2005 trial date. He did not inform Mr. Harris that Allstate planned to file a motion for judgment on the pleadings, nor did he ever tell Mr. Harris that there might be an issue as to whether Mr. Harris had standing to sue Allstate in light of the fact that Allstate was not Mr. Harris's insurance company. Respondent never gave Mr. Harris any legal advice on this issue.
7. On or about August 24, 2004, Allstate brought an ex parte motion to either advance the hearing on Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings or continue the trial date. Respondent was properly notified in advance of the ex parte hearing and appeared at the ex parte hearing on August 24, 2004. At the hearing, Respondent and counsel for Allstate stipulated to continue the trial and trial-readiness conference dates. As a result of the stipulation, the court continued the trial date to March 18, 2005 and continued the trial-readiness conference to February 18, 2005. The hearing on Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings remained scheduled for October 22, 2004. As Respondent was present at the August 24, 2004 hearing, Respondent received notice of the court's orders of August 24, 2004 continuing the trial date and the trial-readiness conference date.
8. Although he received notice of the new trial date, Respondent failed to notify Mr. Harris that the trial was continued from January 21, 2005 to March 18, 2005.
9. On or about September 29, 2004, Allstate's attorneys served Respondent by mail with Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings and documents in support thereof. The hearing on Allstate's motion was set for October 22, 2004, as it had been scheduled since the July 16, 2004 case-management conference. Respondent's service copies of Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings and documents in support thereof were properly mailed via the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid in a sealed envelope addressed to Respondent at his correct street address but the wrong suite number. Respondent's address was: 135 W. Mission Avenue, Suite 105, Escondido, CA 92025. However, Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings and supporting

documents were mailed to Respondent at 135 W. Mission Avenue, Suite 135, Escondido, CA 92025. Nevertheless, Respondent's service copies of Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings and supporting documents were not returned as undeliverable or for any other reason by the United States Postal Service.

10. Respondent received notice of Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings and hearing date but failed to file and serve any opposition on behalf of Mr. Harris to Allstate's motion. Respondent also failed to notify Mr. Harris that Allstate filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings, that a hearing on the motion was set for October 22, 2004, and that Respondent failed to file and serve an opposition or any response to the motion.
11. At the October 22, 2004 hearing, the court granted the unopposed motion for judgment on the pleadings in favor of Allstate.
12. On or about October 25, 2004, Allstate's attorneys properly served Respondent by mail with a notice of ruling and a proposed judgment indicating that the court had granted Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Respondent received the notice of ruling and the proposed judgment.
13. On or about October 26, 2004, the court entered judgment in favor of Allstate and against Mr. Harris and ordered that Mr. Harris pay Allstate its reasonable costs of suit.
14. On or about October 29, 2004, Allstate's attorneys properly served Respondent with a memorandum of costs summary in which Allstate indicated it was seeking to recover costs in the amount of \$335.60 from Mr. Harris. Respondent received Allstate's memorandum of costs summary.
15. On or about November 2, 2004, Allstate's attorneys properly served Respondent with a notice of entry of judgment with an attached copy of the judgment against Mr. Harris. Respondent received the notice of entry of judgment.
16. Respondent failed to notify Mr. Harris that Allstate's motion for judgment on the pleadings was granted, that judgment was entered in favor of Allstate and against Mr. Harris, and that Allstate was seeking recovery of costs against Mr. Harris.
17. Thereafter, Respondent failed to perform any additional services on behalf of Mr. Harris with respect to the lawsuit. At no time did Respondent seek to set aside the judgment in favor of Allstate.
18. In or about December 2004, Mr. Harris attempted on several occasions to contact Respondent telephonically to find out the status of the lawsuit and find out what he

needed to do to prepare for the trial, which he had been told would take place in January 2005. By this time, Mr. Harris was living in Wyoming (which Respondent knew), and he needed to make arrangements to travel to California to attend the trial. Although Mr. Harris telephoned Respondent at the number Respondent had given him and left messages each time requesting Respondent to call him regarding the status of the lawsuit, Respondent failed to respond to any of Mr. Harris's calls.

19. The January 2005 trial date came and went, and still Mr. Harris received no contact from Respondent.
20. Mr. Harris contacted another California attorney to check on the status of his case and find out if a lawsuit had ever been filed on his behalf against Allstate. The attorney confirmed via the internet that the lawsuit had been filed and recommended that Mr. Harris contact the State Bar for further assistance.
21. Mr. Harris subsequently telephoned Respondent and left him a message indicating that if Respondent did not contact Mr. Harris about the status of his case, Mr. Harris would complain to the State Bar. This prompted Respondent to contact Mr. Harris. In or about March 2005, Respondent admitted to Mr. Harris that there was a judgment entered in favor of Allstate and against Mr. Harris.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By failing to perform legal services for which he was hired, by failing to oppose the motion for judgment on the pleadings, by failing to advise Mr. Harris with respect to the standing issue raised by Allstate, and by failing to take any action to set aside the judgment in favor of Allstate, Respondent intentionally, recklessly or repeatedly failed to perform legal services with competence in willful violation of rule 3-110(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By failing to notify Mr. Harris that the trial date was continued, that Allstate had raised a standing issue, that Allstate was planning to file a motion for judgment on the pleadings based on the standing issue, that Allstate did file a motion for judgment on the pleadings, that a hearing on Allstate's motion was scheduled, that Respondent failed to oppose or respond in any way to Allstate's motion, that Allstate's motion was granted, that Allstate was seeking recovery of its costs, and by failing to notify Mr. Harris until in or about March 2005 that judgment was entered in favor of Allstate and against Mr. Harris, Respondent failed to keep a client reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal service in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(m).

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By failing to respond to Mr. Harris' telephonic status inquires on and after December 2004, Respondent failed to promptly respond to reasonable status inquiries of a client in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(m).

PENDING PROCEEDINGS

The disclosure date referred to on page two, paragraph A.(7), was April 6, 2007.

DISMISSALS

The parties respectfully request the Court to dismiss the following alleged violation in the interest of justice.

| <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Count</u> | <u>Alleged Violation</u> |
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| 05-O-04360 | Three | Business and Professions Code § 6068(i) |

SUPPORTING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Standard 1.3 of the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, the primary purposes of disciplinary proceedings and imposing sanctions for professional misconduct are "the protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; the maintenance of high professional standards by attorneys and the preservation of public confidence in the legal profession."

Here, the requested discipline complies with Standard 1.3.

Standard 1.6(a) provides that the appropriate sanction for an act of professional misconduct shall be the sanction set forth in the standards for the particular misconduct found.

Pursuant to Standard 2.6, the culpability of a member of a violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068 (including section 6068(m)), "shall result in disbarment or suspension depending on the gravity of the offense or the harm, if any, to the victim, with due regard to the purposes of imposing discipline set forth in standard 1.3."

Finally, Standard 2.4(b) 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."

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The Supreme Court gives the Standards "great weight," and will reject a recommendation consistent with the Standards only where the Court entertains "grave doubts" as to its propriety. *In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal. 3d 186, 190; *see also In re Silvertan* (2005) 36 Cal. 4th 81, 91, 92. Further, although the Standards are not mandatory, it is well established that the Standards may be deviated from only when there is a compelling, well-defined reason to do so. *See Aronin v. State Bar* (1990) 52 Cal. 3d 276, 291; *see also Bates v. State Bar* (1990) 52 Cal. 3d. 1056, 1060, fn. 2.

The State Bar recognizes that the Standards should not be applied in a talismanic fashion. *Gary v. State Bar* (1988) 44 Cal. 3d 820, 828. However, Respondent bears the burden to demonstrate that the State Bar should deviate from the Standards.

In the case at bar, the stipulated discipline of one (1) year stayed suspension and two (2) years probation with conditions is consistent with the Standards. Case law also supports the recommended level of discipline. The case most analogous to the matter before us is *Butler v. State Bar* (1986) 42 Cal. 3d 323. In *Butler*, the Supreme Court of California found that the respondent failed to adequately inquire and obtain information in a probate matter and failed to communicate with the decedent's son. The respondent in *Butler* had a prior private reproof stemming from his failure to take action on a probate matter. The Supreme Court imposed a two (2) year stayed suspension, with a two (2) year period of probation with conditions, including a sixty (60) day period of actual suspension.

Like the attorney in *Butler*, Respondent failed to perform competently and failed to communicate with his client. However, unlike the attorney in *Butler*, Respondent does not have a prior record of discipline in his nineteen (19) years as an attorney. Thus, the imposition of a one (1) year period of stayed suspension, with no actual period of suspension, is appropriate based on the particular facts of this case.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The current misconduct acknowledged by the member evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Respondent has been an attorney for over nineteen (19) years with no prior record of discipline.

Respondent has been candid and cooperative with the trial attorney.

Respondent has expressed remorse and has acknowledged responsibility for his

wrongdoing.

Although the dismissal of the client's complaint arguably involves harm, it is accepted for purposes of this Stipulation that the underlying matter was of such limited, if any, monetary value, to make harm, if any, minimal. Also, Respondent and the complainant have since reached an agreement regarding the underlying matter. Respondent understands, however, that the complainant may, or may not, have civil remedies available to him, which are not affected by this disciplinary disposition.

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

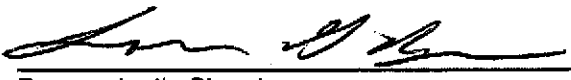

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of April 6, 2007, the estimated prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$2,296.00. Respondent acknowledges that this figure is an estimate only. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from this stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the costs 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.

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| <u>13AY 2007</u> Date |  Respondent's Signature | <u>LOUIS G. BRUNO</u> Print Name |
| <u> </u> Date | <u> </u> Respondent's Counsel Signature | <u>N/A</u> Print Name |
| <u>4/19/07</u> Date |  Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature | <u>MIHO MURAI</u> 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.)**

04-25-07
Date


Judge of the State Bar Court

RICHARD A. PLATEL

1 DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL

2 CASE NUMBER: 05-O-04360

3 I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place
4 of employment is the State Bar of California, 1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California
5 90015, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that I am readily familiar with the State
6 Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the
7 United States Postal Service; that in the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice,
8 correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with
9 the United States Postal Service that same day; that I am aware that on motion of party served,
10 service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or
11 package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit; and that
12 in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of
13 mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles, on
14 the date shown below, a true copy of the within

10 **STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND**
11 **ORDER APPROVING STAYED SUSPENSION; NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION**

12 in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, on the date shown below,
13 addressed to:

13 **Courtesy Copy to:**

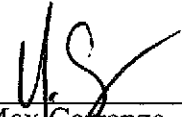
14 **Louis G. Bruno**
15 **135 W. Mission Avenue, Suite 105**
16 **Escondido, CA 92025**

17 in an inter-office mail facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

18 N/A

19 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
20 foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

21 DATED: April 19, 2007

22 SIGNED: 
23 Max Carranza
24 Declarant
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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 April 26, 2007, 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:

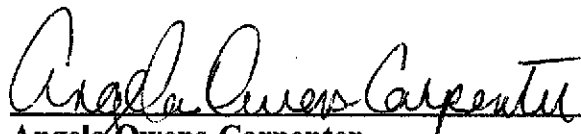
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

**LOUIS G BRUNO
135 W MISSION AVENUE #105
ESCONDIDO CA 92025**

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

MIHO MURAI, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on **April 26, 2007**.



Angela Owens-Carpenter
Case Administrator
State Bar Court