

State Bar Court of California **Hearing Department** Los Angeles **ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM**



Counsel For The State Bar Case Number (s) (for Court's use) 06-O-11019 Monique T. Miller Deputy Trial Counsel 1149 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California 90015-2299 SEP 3 0 2010 9 213-765-1486 STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE STATE BAR COURT Bar # 212469 LOS ANGELES CLERK'S OFFICE. In Pro Per Respondent LOS ANGELES MARC STEVEN COLEN 5737 Kanan Road Suite 347 PUBLIC MATTER Agoura Hills, CA 91301 Tel: (818) 716-2891 Submitted to: Program Judge STIPULATION RE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW Bar # 108275 In the Matter Of: MARC STEVEN COLEN ☐ PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED Bar # 108275 A Member of the State Bar of California

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:

(Respondent)

- Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted June 3, 1983. (1)
- (2)The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition (to be attached separately) are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court. However, except as otherwise provided in rule 804.5(c) of the Rules of Procedure, if Respondent is not accepted into the Alternative Discipline Program, this stipulation will be rejected and will not be binding on the Respondent or the State Bar.
- All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by (3) this stipulation and are deemed consolidated, except for Probation Revocation proceedings. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of 6 pages, excluding the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."

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(5)	Co La	nclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of v ".		
(6)	No per	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 and will pay timely any disciplinary costs imposed in this proceeding.			
I	Prof	ravating Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for essional Misconduct, standard 1.2(b)]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances equired.		
(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:		
(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 wrongdoir or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.		
(8)	\boxtimes	No aggravating circumstances are involved.		
Addi	tiona	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 or 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:				

ATTACHMENT TO

STIPULATION RE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARC STEVEN COLEN

CASE NUMBER:

06-O-11019

WAIVER OF ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES IN CASE NO. 06-O-11019

The parties hereby agree to resolve Case No. 06-O-11019 by this ADP stipulation.

INCORPORATION OF PRIOR STIPULATION

This stipulation is an addendum intended to supplement the Stipulation re: Facts and Conclusions of Law in Case No. 04-O-11994, which the parties lodged with this Court on June 28, 2007 (the "Prior Stipulation"). The Prior Stipulation is also incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statues and/or Rules of Professional Conduct, or has otherwise committed acts of misconduct warranting discipline, as follows:

FACTS

- 1. In August 2005, TRG Management, LLC whose principal members are Ronnie Belarmino ("Belarmino") and Rod Rosa ("Rosa") engaged a Hollywood producer Max Kleven ("Kleven") to produce a feature film on an idea Kleven had regarding the legendary German shepherd Rintintin.
- 2. In December 2005, TRG and Kleven signed a retainer agreement with Respondent wherein Respondent would provide legal services associated with the Rintintin project. In the retainer agreement, Respondent acknowledges that conflicts between the parties may develop.
- 3. Thereafter, Respondent failed to notify the parties in writing that they can consult with independent counsel prior to executing the retainer.
- 4. From December 2005 through February 2006, Respondent represented Rosa and Kleven in matters concerning the Rintintin project.
- 5. In mid-2006, believing that Rosa had "forged" documents associated with the Rintintin project, Respondent represented Kleven in a civil matter against Belarmino, Rosa's business partner.
- 6. In August 2006, when it became apparent that Respondent was in a conflict by representing Kleven and suing TRG which he had represented at one time, Respondent referred Kleven to a new attorney.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. By accepting the representation of more than one client in a matter in which the interests of the clients potentially conflict without the informed consent of each client, Respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-310(C).

PENDING PROCEEDINGS.

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(6), was January 6, 2010.

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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 Facts and Conclusions of Law.

Respondent enters into this stipulation as a condition of his/her participation in the Program. Respondent understands that he/she must abide by all terms and conditions of Respondent's Program Contract.

If the Respondent is not accepted into the Program or does not sign the Program contract, this Stipulation will be rejected and will not be binding on Respondent or the State Bar.

If the Respondent is accepted into the Program, this Stipulation will be filed and will become public. Upon Respondent's successful completion of or termination from the Program, the specified level of discipline for successful completion of or termination from the Program as set forth in the State Bar Court's Confidential Statement of Alternative Dispositions and Orders shall be imposed or recommended to the Supreme Court.

Date 2 dp	Respondent's Signature	MARC STEVEN COLEN Print Name
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
4 Jan., 2010	- 1 // a	MONIQUE T. MILLER, DTC Print Name

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	ORDER
	es and that it adequately protects the public, sal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without
☐ The stipulation as to facts and o	conclusions of law is APPROVED.
The stipulation as to facts and of forth below.	conclusions of law is APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set
All court dates in the Hearing D	pepartment are vacated.
stipulation, filed within 15 days after service further modifies the approved stipulation; or	approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the e of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or r 3) Respondent is not accepted for participation m Contract. (See rule 135(b) and 802(a), Rules of
3-29-10	RA
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 June 17, 2010, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

ORDER AMENDING CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF ALTERNATIVE DISPOSITIONS AND ORDERS; AGREEMENT AND ORDER AMENDING CONTRACT AND WAIVER FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE BAR COURT'S ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM; STIPULATION RE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

\boxtimes	by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:
	MARC STEVEN COLEN 5737 KANAN RD STE 347 AGOURA CA 91301
	by certified mail, No. , with return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service at , California, addressed as follows:
	by overnight mail at , California, addressed as follows:
	by fax transmission, at fax number . No error was reported by the fax machine that I used.
	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:
\boxtimes	by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:
	MONIQUE MILLER, Enforcement, Los Angeles
	by certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on 7, 2010. Angela Owens-Carpenter

Angela Owens-Carpenter Case Administrator State Bar Court