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THE STATE BAR COURT HEARING DEPARTMENT – LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of NANCY ANNE MOHR, No. 101119, Member of the State Bar

Case No. 06-O-15512;07-O10691

Respondents' Answer and

Affirmative Defenses to Notice

of Disciplinary Charges

ANSWER TO JURISDICTION

In response to Paragraph 1, Respondent admits the allegations contained therein.

ANSWER TO COUNT ONE

CASE NO. 06-O-15512

- 2. In response to Paragraph 2, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 3. In response to Paragraph 3, Respondent admits the allegation that her employment began on February 21, 2005 but denies it was through May 1, 2006. Respondent resigned from her position as an associate attorney with Lynch Crowell & Associates on April 28, 2006 with a written Contrary to some prior correspondence from the Bar resignation.

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indicating Respondent's employment was terminated, that is simply false and David Lynch knows it.

- 4. In response to Paragraph 4, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent ever acquired, took or misappropriated the Lynch firm's account number with Overnite Express either during her employment or any time thereafter.
- 5. In response to Paragraph 5, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 6. In response to Paragraph 6, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 7. In response to Paragraph 7, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 8. In response to Paragraph 8, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent committed an act of moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in "willful" violation of the *Business and Professions Code* Section 6106.

ANSWER TO COUNT TWO

CASE NO. 06-O-15512

- 9. In response to Paragraph 9, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 10. In response to Paragraph 10, Respondent admits the allegation that her employment began on February 21, 2005 but denies it was through May 1, 2006. Respondent <u>resigned</u> from her position as an associate attorney with Lynch Crowell & Associates on April 28, 2006 with a written resignation. Contrary to some prior correspondence from the Bar indicating Respondent's employment was terminated, that is simply false and David Lynch knows it.

- 19. In response to Paragraph 19, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein except for the fact that Respondent requested a \$300.00 additional retainer which Abriel paid.
- 20. In response to Paragraph 20, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 21. In response to Paragraph 21, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 22. In response to Paragraph 22, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 23. In response to Paragraph 23, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 24. In response to Paragraph 24, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 25. In response to Paragraph 25, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 26. In response to Paragraph 26, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that her actions were intentional, reckless or not performed with competence in "willful" violation of Rule 3-110(A), *Rules of Professional Conduct*. Respondent did in fact write the referenced letter to the real estate company as set forth above. Respondent alleges that the other documents were prepared by her office that Abriel alleges were not done. Due to the dispute relating to the other documents Respondent agreed to refund the \$300.00 to Abriel and to date has refunded \$150.00 to Abriel.

ANSWER TO COUNT FOUR

CASE NO. 07-O-10691

- 27. In response to Paragraph 27, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 28. The responses to Paragraphs 17 through 25 are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 29. In response to Paragraph 29, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 30. In response to Paragraph 30, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and specifically denies any gross negligence.
- 31. In response to Paragraph 31, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions involved moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in "willful" violation of *Business and Professions Code* Section 6106.

ANSWER TO COUNT FIVE CASE NO. 07-O-10691

- 32. In response to Paragraph 32, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein. Respondent has refunded to Abriel in June of 2006 the sum of \$150.00 and the State Bar representative was aware of this.
- 33. The responses to Paragraphs 17 through 25 and 29 and 30 are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 34. In response to Paragraph 34, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein. Respondent did earn the \$500.00 fee as stated in paragraph 17.

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- 35. In response to Paragraph 35, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein. Respondent has refunded to Abriel in June of 2007 the sum of \$150.00 and the State Bar representative was aware of this through a telephone conversation from Respondent indicating Respondent had settled the matter with Abriel.
- 36. In response to Paragraph 36, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions were in wilful violaton of Rule 3-700(D)(2) of the <u>Rules of Professional Conduct.</u>

ANSWER TO COUNT SIX CASE NO. 07-O-10691

- 37. In response to Paragraph 37, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 38. The responses to Paragraphs 17 through 25 and 29, 3 and 34 to 35 are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 39. In response to Paragraph 39, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 40. In response to Paragraph 40, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions were in willful violation of Rule 3-700(D)(1) of the <u>Rules of Professional Conduct</u>.
- 41. In response to Paragraph 41, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions were in willful violation of Business and Professions Code Section 6068(m).

- 42. The responses to Paragraphs 17 through 25 and 29, 30, 34 to 35 and 39 are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 43. In response to Paragraph 43, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions were in willful violation of <u>Business and Professions Code</u> Section 6068(m).

ANSWER TO COUNT EIGHT CASE NO. 07-O-10691

- 44. In response to Paragraph 44, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein.
- 45. In response to Paragraph 45, Respondent admits the allegations contained therein.
- 46. In response to Paragraph 46, Respondent admits the allegations contained therein.
- 47. In response to Paragraph 47, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein. Respondent did in fact have telephone conversations with the State Bar Investigator regarding Abriel's Complaint and informed the State Bar Investigator that she settled the matter with Abriel by agreeing to refund the \$300.00.
- 48. In response to Paragraph 48, Respondent denies specifically all allegations contained therein and emphatically denies that Respondent's actions were in willful violation of *Business and Professions Code* Section 6068(i). Respondent did verbally communicate with the State Bar advising them that Respondent and Abriel had resolved the matter and Respondent would refund to Abriel \$300.00 of which \$150.00 was paid to date.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO LYNCH COMPLAINT CASE NO. 06-O-15512

As an Affirmative Defense, Respondent states that the facts as alleged in Count One and Count Two of Lynch's Complaint are false. The true facts are that on September 18, 2006 Respondent needed to get her MCLE compliance postmarked and mailed to the State Bar to avoid penalty. Respondent was in Court all day and by the time she returned, she Respondent's boyfriend, Sher had missed the U.S. post office time. Quadri, who was and still is employed by Lynch as a paralegal, came home from the office about 5:30 p.m. and saw the predicament Respondent was in. Mr. Quadri said he would go back to the office complex to see if he could send my MCLE compliance by one of the overnight companies that had pick-ups at the office complex. Respondent gave him a check to pay the fee and then Respondent left the matter in his hands. When Mr. Quadri returned he told Respondent he used Overnight Express and Respondent asked him the amount and he stated they didn't except individual payment but it would be billed to Lynch's account. Respondent told Mr. Quadri to leave a note with Mr. Lynch or his partner Ms. Crowell on Monday that he used the Overnight Express account and that as soon as the amount was billed to the Lynch account, Respondent would promptly pay it. Mr. Quadri forgot to leave the note Respondent requested and when the bill was received at the Lynch office, David Lynch wrongfully assumed that Respondent had his account number and used it without permission. The truth was Respondent never had Lynch's account number and Mr. Ouadri used it because there was no other courier available for overnight delivery. The amount charged by Overnite Express was approximately

\$30.00 for two deliveries and Respondent paid it immediately when the bill came in. However, Mr. Quadri's mistake of failing to notify the Office of Lynch that Monday let David Lynch to believe that Respondent had wrongfully acquired and used his Overnight courier account.

- 2. If David Lynch would have listened to Mr. Quadri's explanation he would have realized that it was Mr. Quadri who had access to his account number and had used it and that Respondent did not misappropriate his account number. The Lynch office did not suffer any economic damage as the amount billed by Overnight Express was immediately paid to David Lynch by Respondent the day the invoice was received by the Lynch office.
- 3. Respondent resigned from Lynch's office due to his unethical behavior that he wanted Respondent to participate in and due to David Lynch's insulting and harassing verbal statements and written memos to Respondent. Respondent is the victim of a personal vendetta and an act of revenge by David Lynch because Respondent resigned as an associate attorney with David Lynch's office. Respondent alleges that Lynch has filed similar complaints with the State Bar or has filed litigation against the other attorneys and law clerks that have left his employment and is known to wage "legal wars" with them as he is doing with Respondent now. Lynch has filed his Complaint to get even with Respondent for leaving his employ and to cause damage to Respondent's reputation with the false allegations Lynch has made.
- 4. Respondent, after leaving Lynch's employment did not receive her final paycheck from Lynch and Respondent filed a claim with the California Labor Board. This further angered Lynch and was another

reason for him to seek revenge and file this false and frivolous complaint against Respondent with the State Bar.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COUNT THREE THROUGH EIGHT CASE NO. 07-O-10691 (Abriel Complaint)

- 1. Respondent alleges that as an Affirmative Defense, that the true amount in dispute in Abriel's Complaints is \$300.00 and not \$800.00. See paragraph 17 and the first letter to Respondent from the State Bar stating the \$300.00 fee was in question.
- 2. Respondent had just opened her own office after leaving the Lynch firm and had gone through 3 office staff individuals. Although the work was done by Respondent, Respondent discovered later that it remained in the file and that one of the office staff failed to mail it to Abriel as Respondent instructed.
- Abriel the \$300.00 in question. To date Respondent has paid Abriel \$150.00 and will pay the balance to Abriel by March 30, 2008 with the condition that Abriel will dismiss her complaint in its entirety against Respondent. The State Bar investigator was verbally notified of this Settlement with Abriel and as an oversight Respondent forgot to confirm it in writing. None of Respondent's acts regarding Abriel were done willfully and in contravention of the <u>Business and Professions Code</u> and the <u>Rules of the State Bar</u>.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays: That Complainants Lynch and Abriel take nothing from their 1. Complaints; · 2. That no disciplinary action be taken by the State Bar against Respondent as to either the Complaints of Lynch or Abriel; For costs of suit herein; 3. Any other relief the Court deems proper to Respondent. 4. Respectfully submitted, Dated: January 28, 2008 .17

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