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## STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

**HEARING DEPARTMENT – LOS ANGELES** 

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In the Matter of Ricardo Robert Monterrosa, Member No. 225216, A Member of the State Bar. Case No.: 07-O-10431 (08-O-10992) (S186155) ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTION TO MODIFY PROBATION TO EXTEND TIME TO MEET CONDITIONS (ETHIC SCHOOL AND QUARTERLY REPORTS); ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR HEARING

On March 8, 2012, respondent Ricardo Robert Monterrosa filed a motion to modify his probation. In his motion respondent requested that he be given an extension of time to attend the State Bar Ethics School on March 15, 2012, and to provide proof of passage of the test given at the end of the Ethics School session that he would be attending. He also requested that the court allow him to submit his last three 2011 quarterly reports late. Respondent further requested a hearing in this matter pursuant to rule 5.300 subdivision (F) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California.

On March 14, 2012, the State Bar of California Office of Probation (Office of Probation) filed an opposition to respondent's motion.

Having carefully considered the pleadings of the parties and all supporting documents, the court rules as follows:



Respondent's request to take the March 15, 2012 Ethic School course is **GRANTED**. The time within which respondent must provide proof of completion of Ethics School to the Office of Probation is extended to May 11, 2012.

Respondent's request that the court permit him to submit "his last three 2011 quarterly reports late" is **DENIED**. Respondent has already belatedly submitted his last three 2011 quarterly reports to the Office of Probation without permission of the court. Moreover, the State Bar has stated in its opposition to respondent's motion that the Office of Probation does not contemplate referring respondent for additional discipline as a result of being late in filing his first four quarterly reports and providing proof of passage of the test given at the end of Ethics School. However, the Office of Probation has also warned that should respondent again fail to timely comply with his probation conditions, the full extent of his non-compliance should be before the court. The court agrees with the Office of Probation's position and cautions respondent that this court does not lightly view violations of probation conditions.

As the court finds that holding a hearing in this matter will not materially contribute to the court's consideration of respondent's motion, respondent's request for a hearing pursuant to rule 5.300, subdivision (F) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Pat McElroy Judge of the State Bar Court

Dated: March <u>14</u>, 2012

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); 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 San Francisco, On March 14, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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TERRIE GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on March 14, 2012.

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