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**State Bar Court of California**  
**Hearing Department**  
**San Francisco**

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Counsel For Respondent  <b>Ephraim Margolin</b> 240 Stockton Street, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor San Francisco, CA 94108 (415) 421-4347  Bar # <b>32582</b>	Submitted to: <b>Assigned Judge</b>  STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING  <b>PUBLIC REPROVAL</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED	
In the Matter Of: <b>VERNA J. ROSS</b>  Bar # <b>165744</b>  A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)		

**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 **September 13, 1993**.
- (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 **12** 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."
- (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 (public reproof)
  - ☐ case ineligible for costs (private reproof)
  - ☐ costs to be paid in equal amounts for the following membership years:  
(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
- (9) The parties understand that:
- (a) ☐ A private reproof imposed on a respondent as a result of a stipulation approved by the Court prior to initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding is part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, but is not disclosed in response to public inquiries and is not reported on the State Bar's web page. The record of the proceeding in which such a private reproof was imposed is not available to the public except as part of the record of any subsequent proceeding in which it is introduced as evidence of a prior record of discipline under the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.
  - (b) ☐ A private reproof imposed on a respondent after initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding is part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, is disclosed in response to public inquiries and is reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's web page.
  - (c) ☒ A public reproof imposed on a respondent is publicly available as part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, is disclosed in response to public inquiries and is reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's web page.

**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 page 10.**
- (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. **See page 10.**
- (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. **See page 10.**
- (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. **See page 10.**

- (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. **See page 10.**
- (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:**

**D. Discipline:**

- (1) ☐ **Private reproof (check applicable conditions, if any, below)**
- (a) ☐ Approved by the Court prior to initiation of the State Bar Court proceedings (no public disclosure).
- (b) ☐ Approved by the Court after initiation of the State Bar Court proceedings (public disclosure).

or

- (2) ☒ **Public reproof (Check applicable conditions, if any, below)**

**E. Conditions Attached to Reproval:**

- (1) ☒ Respondent must comply with the conditions attached to the reproof for a period of
- (2) ☒ During the condition period attached to the reproof, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) ☒ 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.
- (4) ☒ 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.
- (5) ☒ Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the condition period attached to the reproof. 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 the reproof during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state in each report 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 (thirty) days, that report must be submitted on the next following 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 condition period and no later than the last day of the condition period.

- (6) ☐ 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 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 monitor.
- (7) ☒ 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 conditions attached to the reprobation.
- (8) ☒ 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 Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- ☐ No Ethics School recommended. Reason: .
- (9) ☒ 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.
- (10) ☒ 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 of the effective date of the reprobation.
- ☐ No MPRE recommended. Reason: .
- (11) ☐ The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions             |

**F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:**

**ATTACHMENT TO STIPULATION RE FACTS,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND DISCIPLINE**

In the Matter of:                   **Verna J. Ross**  
Membership No.:                   **165744**  
State Bar Court Case No.:       **08-O-10961**

**FACTS**

Respondent admits that the following facts are true:

1. On December 2, 2002, Golenia Curry employed respondent to represent her in a probate matter involving the estate of Curry's uncle, Arthur Teague. Curry believed that she was entitled to some real property that Teague transferred to another party shortly before his death.
2. Between December 2, 2002, and July 6, 2004, respondent performed services for Curry.
3. On July 6, 2004, respondent filed a petition on behalf of Curry in the matter *Estate of Arthur Teague, deceased, Curry et al v. Sanders*, Alameda County Superior Court, case number 256525-6. The petition sought the return of the real property that was transferred shortly before Teague's death.
4. On August 4, 2004, respondent appeared at a hearing regarding the petition she filed on July 6, 2004.
5. Thereafter, respondent ceased performing any services for Curry.
6. As of August 4, 2004, respondent constructively terminated her representation of Curry by failing to perform any further services for Curry.
7. Prior to terminating her services as Curry's counsel, respondent failed to give notice to Curry and failed to allow time for Curry to employ other counsel.
8. On December 1, 2004; January 18, 2005; and September 20, 2005, Curry telephoned respondent and left messages for respondent. Each time Curry requested that respondent provide her with a status update on her matter.
9. Soon after December 1, 2004; January 28, 2005; and September 20, 2005, respondent received Curry's messages requesting a status update.

10. Thereafter, respondent failed to return Curry's telephone calls and failed to provide Curry with a status update on her matter.

11. On November 11, 2005, Curry telephoned respondent, and respondent informed Curry that she had been ill, but had continued to work on Curry's matter.

12. On January 18, 2006; March 1, 2006; and July 2, 2006, Curry telephoned respondent and left messages for respondent. Each time, Curry requested that respondent provide her with a status update on her matter.

13. Soon after January 18, 2006; March 1, 2006; and July 2, 2006, respondent received Curry's messages requesting a status update.

14. Thereafter, respondent failed to return Curry's telephone calls and failed to provide Curry with a status update on her matter.

15. On September 20, 2006, Curry telephoned respondent and respondent informed Curry that since respondent was ill, respondent would arrange for respondent's assistant to take over Curry's matter.

16. Thereafter, respondent made no effort to perform any further services for Curry and failed to arrange for another attorney to take over Curry's matter.

17. On December 26, 2006, the court properly served respondent with a Notice of Case Management Conference and Order ("CMC Order") ordering respondent to appear at a case management conference scheduled for February 7, 2007. The CMC Order required respondent to file and serve a Case Management Conference Statement at least 15 days before the case management conference.

18. Soon after December 26, 2006, respondent received the CMC Order.

19. Prior to the Case Management Conference on February 7, 2007, respondent failed to file a Case Management Statement.

20. On February 7, 2007, respondent failed to appear at the Case Management Conference.

21. At the Case Management Conference on February 7, 2007, the court issued an Order to Show Cause ("OSC") why respondent should not be sanctioned \$150.00 for failing to appear at the Case Management Conference and ordering respondent to file a Case Management Conference Statement by February 21, 2007. The Court set the OSC hearing for February 28, 2007.

22. On February 7, 2007, the court properly served respondent with the OSC ordering respondent to appear on February 28, 2007, for an OSC hearing and continued Case Management Conference.

23. Soon after February 7, 2007, respondent received the OSC.

24. Prior to the February 28, 2007 hearing, respondent failed to file a Case Management Conference Statement.

25. Respondent failed to appear for the February 28, 2007 hearing.

26. On February 28, 2007, the court dismissed Curry's matter due to respondent's failure to appear at the hearing.

27. Thereafter, respondent failed to inform Curry that her matter had been dismissed due to respondent's failure to appear at February 28, 2007 hearing.

28. On May 27, 2007, respondent changed the location of her office.

29. On September 20, 2007, Curry telephoned respondent; and respondent agreed to meet Curry at her new office on September 25, 2007 to discuss the status of Curry's case.

30. On September 25, 2007, respondent and Curry met in respondent's new office to discuss the status of Curry's case. At the meeting, respondent apologized to Curry for respondent's failure to proceed on Curry's case and informed Curry that Curry's matter had been dismissed. Respondent promised to re-open Curry's matter and get back to Curry shortly with an update on Curry's matter. Respondent also stated that since respondent was ill, another attorney would step in to represent Curry.

31. Thereafter, respondent failed to have any further communications with Curry and failed to take any action to re-open Curry's matter.

32. On October 23, 2007; January 3, 2008; January 9, 2008; and January 20, 2008, Curry telephoned respondent and left messages. Each time Curry requested that respondent provide her with a status update on her matter.

33. Soon after October 23, 2007; January 3, 2008; January 9, 2008; and January 20, 2008, respondent received Curry's messages requesting a status update.

34. Thereafter, respondent failed to return Curry's telephone calls and failed to provide Curry with a status update on her matter.

35. On January 29, 2008, Curry consulted with attorney Glen Moss regarding her matter.

36. On January 29, 2008, Moss sent the State Bar a letter informing the State Bar that respondent had failed to perform in Curry's matter and had failed to communicate with Curry.

37. Moss's letter requested that the State Bar assist Curry in obtaining a status update on her matter and the return of her client file.

38. On January 29, 2008, Moss sent respondent a copy of his January 29, 2008, letter to the State Bar.

39. Soon after January 29, 2008, respondent received a copy of Moss's letter to the State Bar.



40. Thereafter, respondent failed to provide Curry with a status update on her matter or return Curry's client file.

41. On February 11, 2008, the State Bar opened an investigation concerning respondent in Case No. 08-O-10961 ("the current case

42. On October 30, 2008, State Bar Investigator Dolores Ziegler wrote to respondent regarding respondent's conduct in this matter by placing the letter in a sealed envelope correctly addressed to respondent at her address as maintained by the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6002.1. The letter was properly mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, by depositing for collection by the United States Postal Service in the ordinary course of business on or about the date on the letter.

43. On November 18, 2008, Ziegler wrote respondent another letter regarding respondent's conduct in this matter by placing the letter in a sealed envelope correctly addressed to respondent at her address as maintained by the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6002.1. The letter was properly mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, by depositing for collection by the United States Postal Service in the ordinary course of business on or about the date on the letter.

44. The United States Postal Service returned both of Ziegler's letters with the envelopes marked "return to sender-not deliverable as addressed-unable to forward."

45. Respondent failed to maintain an address at which respondent could receive State Bar mail.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent admits that the following conclusions of law are true:

1. Respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2), by failing, upon termination of employment, to take reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice to her client, as follows: respondent failed to give notice to Curry prior to her constructive termination of employment and failed to allow time for Curry to employ other counsel.

2. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m), by failing to respond promptly to reasonable status inquiries of a client and failing to keep a client reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which respondent had agreed to provide legal services, as follows: respondent failed to inform Curry soon after February 28, 2007 that the court had dismissed her matter.

3. Respondent wilfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1), by failing to release promptly, upon termination of employment, to the client, at the request of the client, all the client papers and property, as follows: respondent failed to provide Curry with her client file, as requested by Moss in his letter.

4. Respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failing to perform legal services with competence, as follows: she ceased performance of services on behalf of Curry and permitted Curry's matter to be dismissed as a result of her failure to appear at the February 28, 2007 hearing.

5. Respondent wilfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6103, by wilfully disobeying or violating an order of the court requiring her to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of respondent's profession which she ought in good faith to do or forbear, as follows: respondent failed to file the Case Management Conference Statement by January 23, 2007; failed to appear at the February 7, 2007, Case Management Conference; failed to file the Case Management Conference Statement by February 21, 2007; and failed to appear at the February 28, 2007, hearing.

6. Respondent wilfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(j), by failing to comply with the requirements of section 6002.1, which requires a member of the State Bar to maintain on the official membership records of the State Bar, the member's current office address and telephone number or, if no office is maintained, the address to be used for State Bar purposes or purposes of the agency charged with attorney discipline, as follows: respondent failed to maintain an address at which respondent could receive State Bar mail.

## **AGGRAVATION**

Respondent's misconduct involved multiple acts of wrongdoing.

## **MITIGATION**

No Prior Discipline: Respondent practiced law for almost 11 years before the start of her misconduct, and the current case is not deemed serious.

Candor/Cooperation: When respondent became aware of the current case, she came forward and cooperated with the State Bar.

Severe Financial Stress: Respondent suffered from severe financial stress, which resulted from circumstances beyond her control and which directly contributed to her misconduct.

Family Problems: At the time of her misconduct, respondent suffered severe family problems.

## **SUPPORTING AUTHORITY**

The determination of discipline begins "by looking to the purpose of sanctions for attorney misconduct." (*In re Morse* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 184, 205.) Standard 1.3 provides: "The primary purposes of disciplinary proceedings . . . 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."

The standards provide guidance and deserve "great weight." (*In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 190; *Van Sloten v. State Bar* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 921, 933, fn. 5.) "[A]dherence to the standards in the great majority of cases serves the valuable purpose of eliminating disparity and assuring consistency, that is, the imposition of similar attorney discipline for instances of similar misconduct." (*In re Naney*,

*supra*, 51 Cal.3d at p. 190; see also *In re Brown* (1995) 12 Cal.4th 205, 220.) The California Supreme Court accepts a disciplinary recommendation resulting from application of the standards unless it has “grave doubts” about the recommendation’s propriety. (*In re Morse, supra*, 11 Cal.4th at p. 206; *In re Lamb* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 239, 245.)

Standards 2.4(b) and 2.10 of the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct call for reproof or suspension in case number 08-O-11520 (“the current case”). In the current case, a public reproof is appropriate because (1) respondent’s misconduct involved a single client matter, (2) she has practiced law for almost 11 years before the start of her misconduct, and (3) her misconduct is not deemed serious.

#### **DATE OF DISCLOSURE OF ANY PENDING INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING**

On July 31, 2009, the State Bar sent a disclosure letter by e-mail to respondent’s counsel, Ephraim Margolin. In this letter, the State Bar advised him of any pending investigations or proceedings against respondent other than the current case.

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In the Matter of  <b>VERNA J. ROSS, No. 165744,</b>  <b>A Member of the State Bar.</b>	Case number(s):  <b>08-O-10961</b>
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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, upon Respondent's successful completion of or termination from the Program, this Stipulation will be filed and the specified level of discipline for successful completion of or termination from the Program as set forth in the State Bar Court's Statement Re: Discipline shall be imposed or recommended to the Supreme Court.

8/4/09  
Date

Verna J. Ross  
Respondent's Signature

Verna J. Ross  
Print Name

8/4/09  
Date

Ephraim Margolin  
Respondent's Counsel Signature

Ephraim Margolin  
Print Name

8/26/09  
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Mark P. Hartman  
Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature

Mark P. Hartman  
Print Name

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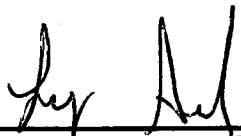
**ORDER**

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 stipulation as to facts and conclusions of law is APPROVED.
- ☐ The stipulation as to facts and conclusions of law is APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below.
- ☒ All court dates in the Hearing Department 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; or 3) Respondent is not accepted for participation in the Program or does not sign the Program Contract. (See rule 135(b) and 802(b), Rules of Procedure.)

Aug 31, 2009  
Date

  
Judge of the State Bar Court  
Luz Armandariz

## 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 San Francisco, on September 8, 2009, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND  
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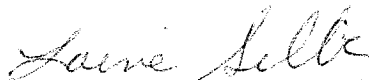
- ☒ by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at San Francisco, California, addressed as follows:

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94108 - 5318

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

MARK HARTMAN, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on September 8, 2009.



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Laine Silber  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court