

STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of) Case No.: 08-O-13238 (S188565)
DONALD MARTIN WANLAND, JR.,	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO TAKE AND PASS THE MPRE AND TO PROVIDE PROOF OF COMPLETION OF ETHICS SCHOOL
Member No. 122462,	
A Member of the State Bar.	

On April 4, 2012, respondent Donald Martin Wanland, Jr., filed a motion to extend the time period in which he must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and complete the State Bar Ethics School. Specifically, respondent requests that the time be extended from April 15, 2012 to September 15, 2012.

On April 9, 2012, the State Bar of California Office of Probation (Office of Probation) filed an opposition to respondent's motion.

On April 10, 2012, respondent filed a reply to the Office of Probation's opposition.

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

 The court GRANTS respondent's request for an extension of time in which to take and provide proof of passage of the Ethic School course. Respondent's request to take <u>and</u> provide proof



- of passage of the Ethic School course is hereby extended to September 15, 2012.
- 2. The court **GRANTS** respondent an extension of time so that he can take the August 10, 2012 MPRE. The time within which respondent must provide proof of passage of the MPRE is no later than September 24, 2012.¹

As indicated in respondent's pleading, Ethics School classes and the MPRE fill up rapidly. Failing to enroll early can result in being closed out of a session of the Ethics School or sitting for the MPRE. The Ethics School course and the MPRE fill up well in advance of the date on which they are given. It is respondent's responsibility to register early enough to ensure that a space will be reserved for him, so that he can comply with his disciplinary requirements. The court will not be inclined to again extend deadlines due to a failure on respondent's part to register early enough to reserve a space. No excuse relating to being closed out of the Ethics School course or the MPRE will result in any further extensions. ²

While the court finds that respondent has shown good cause for an extension to be granted regarding the taking of the Ethics School course and the MPRE due to personal and familial hardship, the court is seriously troubled by an apparent failure on respondent's part to comprehend that complying with probation conditions, which are ordered by the California Supreme Court, involves more than engaging in an "exercise." (Respondent's reply brief, p. 2,

¹ Respondent is no doubt aware that many examinees do not pass the MPRE. It is respondent's responsibility to adequately prepare so that he can pass the exam.

² It, therefore, would behoove respondent to <u>immediately</u> enroll in the next available Ethics School class (June 21, 2012) in San Francisco and immediately register to take the August 10, 2012 MPRE.

line 21.) The prior disciplinary order in case No. S188565 (State Bar Court case No. 08-O-13238) "provided [respondent] an opportunity to reform his conduct to the ethical strictures of the profession. . . ." (See *Arden v. State Bar* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 713, 728.)

The court will not take lightly any further failure to comply with court orders.

Dated: May 4___, 2012

PAT McELROY

Judge of the State Bar Court

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 May 4, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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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 San Francisco, California, addressed as follows:

DONALD MARTIN WANLAND, JR. WANLAND & SPAULDING 705 UNIVERSITY AVE SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

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

TERRIE GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on May 4, 2012.

Lauretta Cramer
Case Administrator
State Bar Court