



- (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.
  - costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: **Two billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court Order.**  
(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

**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.

- (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. **Respondent has been a member of the California State Bar for 10 years.**
- (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 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.
- (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. **Please see attachment page 8**
- (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. **Please see attachment page 8**
- (13)  **No mitigating circumstances** are involved.

**Additional mitigating circumstances**

## D. Discipline:

(1)  **Stayed Suspension:**

(a)  Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **one (1) year**.

- I.  and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- ii.  and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii.  and until Respondent does the following:

The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

(2)  **Probation:**

Respondent is placed on probation for a period of **two (2) years**, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18 California Rules of Court)

## E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

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

- (5)  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 to the monitor 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 probation monitor.

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- (6)  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 probation conditions.
- (7)  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 State Bar Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- No Ethics School recommended. Reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- (8)  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.
- (9)  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:**

- (1)  **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** 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. **Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 321(a)(1) & (c), Rules of Procedure.**
- No MPRE recommended. Reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2)  **Other Conditions:**

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

IN THE MATTER OF:       BAHRAM B. PAYA

CASE NUMBER(S):        09-C-11302-DFM

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND IN CONVICTION PROCEEDING**

1.       This is a proceeding pursuant to sections 6106 and 6102 of the Business and Professions Code and rule 9.10 of the California Rules of Court.
  
2.       On October 1, 2009, Respondent was convicted of violating (1) Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (driving with a BAC of .08% or higher), a misdemeanor; (2) Health & Safety Code section 11377 (possession of a controlled substance), a misdemeanor; and (3) Vehicle Code section 14601.1(a) (driving while privilege is suspended or revoked.), a misdemeanor, pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere in Los Angeles County Superior Court.
  
3.       On February 18, 2010, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order referring the matter to the Hearing Department on the following issues: hearing and decision recommending the discipline to be imposed in the event that the hearing department finds that the facts and circumstances surrounding the violations of Health & Safety Code section 11377, Vehicle Code sections 14601.1(a) and 23152(b) involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline.

**FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

Respondent Bahram Paya ("Respondent") admits that the following facts are true and that he violated Health & Safety Code section 11377, Vehicle Code sections 14601.1(a) and 23152(b) as set forth below, and that said conduct involved other misconduct warranting discipline.

**FACTS**

On December 24, 2008, Los Angeles police officers observed the Respondent's vehicle swerving back and forth in lanes while traveling west on the Ventura Freeway, west of Van Nuys Boulevard in City of Los Angeles. Officers initiated an enforcement stop for weaving. On contact, officers observed objective signs and symptoms of intoxication and administered a field sobriety test. Respondent was arrested and transported to jail. Officers recovered a vial

containing an off-white powdery substance from Respondent's clothing that was later determined to be cocaine. Respondent produced two breath samples with results of .11% BAC.

Prior conviction: on July 15, 2008, Respondent was convicted of violating Penal Code section 23152(b), a misdemeanor and Health and Safety Code section 11377. Charges were diverted pursuant to Penal Code section 1000. That conviction resulted from Respondent's arrest on March 21, 2008. On that occasion, Respondent was arrested in the City of Beverly Hills after Beverly Hills police officers observed Respondent's vehicle missing its rear license plate. Officers observed symptoms of intoxication and administered a field sobriety test. Respondent was arrested. During an inventory search of Respondent's vehicle a tube containing a white powder was found that was later determined to be cocaine.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The parties stipulate that the facts and circumstances surrounding Respondent's violations of California Health & Safety Code section 11377, Vehicle Code sections 14601.1(a) and 23152(b) did not involve moral turpitude, but did involve other misconduct warranting discipline. Respondent acknowledges that by the conduct described above, he failed to support the laws of the State of California in wilful violation of California Business and Professions Code, section 6068(a).

#### **COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of July 22, 2010, the approximate costs in this matter is \$3,530. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

#### **PENDING PROCEEDINGS.**

The disclosure date referred to, on page one, paragraph A.(7), was July 22, 2010.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION IN UNDERLYING CRIMINAL MATTER.**

Respondent shall comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and shall so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report required to be filed with the Office of Probation.

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## MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

### Family Problems

During the time period of the misconduct (2008), Respondent was involved in family difficulties arising from his wife's nervous breakdown, resulting in multiple hospitalizations, and a subsequent contentious marital dissolution and child custody proceeding. These difficulties caused respondent emotional distress that was causally related to the risky and illegal behavior that he engaged in. These difficulties have been ameliorated by a marital separation and a subsequent dissolution of marriage.

### Rehabilitation

Respondent contends that he has maintained complete sobriety since his December 24, 2008, arrest.

## AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

Standard 1.3, Title IV, Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, provides that the primary purposes of the disciplinary system 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."

Standard 3.4 states that "[f]inal conviction of a member of a crime which does not involve moral turpitude inherently or in the facts and circumstances surrounding the crime's commission but which does involve other misconduct warranting discipline shall result in a sanction as prescribed under part B of these standards appropriate to the nature and extent of the misconduct found to have been committed by the member."

The parties further submit that the intent and goals of Standard 1.3 are met in this matter by the imposition of one year stayed suspension and two years of probation with conditions articulated herein, including that Respondent attend Ethics School.

*In re Kelley* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 487.

Respondent *Kelley* was convicted of a second DUI, only 36 months after, and while still on probation her first DUI conviction. *Kelley* had no prior discipline. This second conviction triggered *Kelley*'s first disciplinary proceeding with the State Bar of California. Despite the facts that *Kelley* had two DUI convictions in 36 months, and that her second DUI took place while she was still on probation for the first, and that she acted in violation of a court order, the Court found that her conduct did not involve moral turpitude. The *Kelley* court found that Respondent's "repeated criminal conduct calls into question her judgment and fitness to practice

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law in the absence of disciplinary conditions designed to prevent recurrence of such conduct. Kelley was convicted of her second DUI conviction, but was involved in her first disciplinary proceeding. The court found substantial mitigation. Aside from the fact that Kelley had no priors, the court also found that she had been cooperative throughout the disciplinary proceeding and was extensively involved in community service. The Court held that a public reproof was enough to protect the public. *Kelley*, (1990) 52 Cal.3d at 498.

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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 Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disposition.



July 26 2010  
Date

Respondent's Signature

Bahram B. Paya  
Print Name

July 27 2010  
Date

Respondent's Counsel Signature

David Cameron Carr  
Print Name

August 2  
~~July~~ 2010  
Date

Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature

Bitu Shasty  
Print Name

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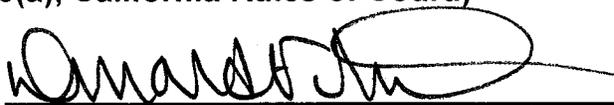
**ORDER**

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 stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- All Hearing dates 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. (See rule 135(b), Rules of Procedure.) **The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)**

8/13/10  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the State Bar Court  
**DONALD F. MILES**

**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 August 17, 2010, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING STAYED SUSPENSION; NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION**

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 Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

**DAVID C. CARR  
LAW OFFICE OF DAVID CAMERON CARR  
3333 CAMINO DEL RIO S STE 215  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108**

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

**BITA SHASTY, Enforcement, Los Angeles**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 17, 2010.

  
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Tammy Cleaver  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court