State Bar Court of California **Hearing Department** San Francisco DISBARMENT Counsel For The State Bar For Court use only Case Number(s): 09-O-19377 Christine Souhrada **PUBLIC MATTER Deputy Trial Counsel** Office of the Chief Trial Counsel 180 Howard Street, 7th fl. San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 538-2183 APR 10 2012 Bar # 228256 STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO In Pro Per Respondent Theodore A. Pinnock Blk 4 Lot 10 Phase 4 Carmona Estates Carmona Submitted to: Assigned Judge 4116 Cavite PHILIPPINES STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING; ORDER OF Bar # 153434 INVOLUNTARY INACTIVE ENROLLMENT In the Matter of: DISBARMENT Theodore A. Pinnock ☐ PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED Bar # 153434

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:

A Member of the State Bar of California

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted June 10, 1991.
- (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 resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of (13) pages, not including the order.

(Effective January 1, 2011)

(Respondent)

Disbarment

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(4)		statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included nder "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 pen	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)			of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & Check one option only):		
		Co	sts to be awarded to the State Bar. sts are walved in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs". sts are entirely waived.		
(9)	ORDER OF INACTIVE ENROLLMENT: The parties are aware that if this stipulation is approved, the judge will issue an order of inactive enrollment under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (c)(4), and Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, rule 5.111(D)(1).				
F	Prof€		ing Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for onal Misconduct, standard 1.2(b)]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances red.		
(1)	X	Prio	r record of discipline		
	(a)	\boxtimes	State Bar Court case # of prior case 10-O-05378		
	(b)	×	Date prior discipline effective January 27, 2012		
	(c)	×	Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Misappropriation - Moral Turpitude (Business and Professions Code section, 6106) and seeking to mislead a judge or judicial officer by an artifice or flase statement of fact or law (Business and Professions Code section, 6068(d))		
	(d)	\boxtimes	Degree of prior discipline three months of actual suspension		
	(e)		If respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below:		
2)			onesty: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, ealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.		
3)		Trus to the prop	t Violation: Trust funds or property were involved and respondent refused or was unable to account e client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or erty.		

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(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.		
Add	itiona	al aggravating circumstances:		
		ating Circumstances [see standard 1.2(e)]. Facts supporting mitigating imstances 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.		
(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.		

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(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:
Respondent has provided statements from Angel V. Luna, M.D., and David J. Bostic, PT, regarding his medical condition and history. Respondent has Cerebral Palsey and is primarily wheel-chair bound. The Cerebral Palsey affects Respondent's movement and speach, and makes him dependent upon his wife for the activities of daily living. Respondent also suffers from pulmonary issues, respirtory issues, chronic pain, and Osteoarthritis. Respondent's treating physical therapist, David J. Bostic PT, stated that Respondent's experience of chronic pain led to a diminution of his functioning and worsened his abilities, and noted that Cerebral Palsey has a cumulative deleterious effect on the muscles and joints of the body especially in later years.
Bostic further stated:
"From 2005 through 2009 as a result of cerebral palsy, aging and chronic pain Mr. Pinnock endured extreme physiological impairments and functional limitations that he had yet to experience in his lifetime as a person with a disability. In my opinion, this represented to Mr. Pinnock not only the loss of personal independence, but also failure in his ability to be able to provide for himself and his family, as he was accustomed. The pain he experienced and the physical changes resulted in a dependency upon other individuals for all of his basic needs. After a life of tremendous struggle to maintain his independence this major shift in his physical and mental capabilities was exceedingly difficult to bear. As a result, work performance, attention to detail, and his ability to make every day decisions may have been negatively impacted."

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Đ.	Disc	ipline:	Disbarment.	
E .,	Addi	tional Req	uirements:	
(1)	Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court: Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, Califo Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 cale days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.			
(2)		(Based upo Hyland v. St the Client Se must pay red Business an satisfactory;	Respondent must make restitution to Client Security Fund in the amount of \$77,555 on a 40% fee as the maximum reasonable feel collectable by respondent. See also tate Bar (1963) 59 Cal. 2d 765) plus 10 percent interest per year from January 1, 2010. If security Fund has reimbursed for all or any portion of the principal amount, respondent stitution to CSF of the amount paid plus applicable interest and costs in accordance with d Professions Code section 6140.5. Respondent must pay the above restitution and furnish proof of payment to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles no later than 90 days active date of the Supreme Court order in this case.	
(3)		Other:		

Attachment to Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law and Disposition in the Matter of Theodore A, Pinnock

Case no. 09-O-19377

Respondent pleads nolo contendere to the following facts and violations. Respondent completely understands that the plea of nolo contendere shall be considered as set forth in the Nolo Contendere Plea form attached hereto.

I. Facts

- 1. Respondent represented Noni Gotti ("Gotti") in Civil Rights cases under the American with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), Unruh Civil Rights Act, and the Disabled Persons Act.
- 2. Respondent filed 76 cases in Gotti's name. Beginning In February 2010, Gotti requested a complete accounting from respondent for the 76 cases. In April 2010, respondent provided an accounting, which listed the name of the case, the case number and either an amount Gotti allegedly received or that the case had been dismissed without prejudice, but did not provide the settlement amount, costs disbursed or any other information relating to the disbursement of the funds received. Respondent later provided an additional partial accounting listing a fee and settlement amount in some of the cases.
- 3. Between July 11, 2008 and January 29, 2009, respondent settled fifteen of the cases in which Gotti was a plaintiff and received settlement checks totaling \$27,300, which Respondent did not deposit into a client trust account.
- 4. Gotti was entitled to a substantial portion of the \$27,300 in settlement funds.
 Respondent dishonestly or with gross negligence misappropriated Gotti's share of the \$27,300 in settlement funds for his own use and benefit.
- 5. Between on January 1, 2008 and on December 31, 2009, respondent did not promptly remove funds which he had earned as fees from respondent's Client Trust Account ("CTA") as soon as his interest in the funds became fixed and, instead, left his fees in respondent's CTA for the payment of his personal expenses as needed.

6. Between on January 1, 2008 and on December 31, 2009, respondent repeatedly issued checks drawn upon respondent's CTA to pay his personal expenses, including but not limited to, the following:

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10246 10/10/08 Kassandra Pinnock \$250
10152 10/14/08 TIEE \$250
10188 10/14/08 Norman Edelson \$100
10264 10/14/08 Michelle Talamayan \$150
10279 10/14/08 Michelle Talamayan \$500
10277 10/15/08 Kassandra Pinnock \$500
10229 10/17/08 T.I.E.E. \$100
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10276	10/17/08	T.I.E.E.	\$ 500
10295	10/17/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$500
10285	10/20/08	Jennifer Watson	\$150
10268	10/21/08	Sprint	\$366.55
10226	10/22/08	Atel Communications	\$821.68
10300	10/22/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$600
10317	10/24/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$500
10324	10/24/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$250
10323	10/28/08	Mike Wiggins	\$1,400
10359	10/31/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$500
10377	11/3/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$250
10333	11/4/08	Staples	\$446.65
10334	11/4/08	Printing on Fifth Avenue	\$900
10385	11/10/08	Claremont McKenna College	\$500
10386	11/10/08	Claremont McKenna College	\$500
10288	11/17/08	Franchise Tax Board	\$390
10381	11/17/08	Claremont McKenna College	\$500
10398	11/17/08	Michelle Talamayan	\$250
10418	12/11/08	Yvonne Pinnock	\$150
10332	12/29/08	Jennifer Watson	\$400
10332	12/29/08	Jennifer Watson	\$350
10450	12/29/08	Jennifer Watson	\$750
10460	1/6/09	Michael Wiggins	\$870.16
10461	1/7/09	Alex Gutierrez	\$1,450
10459	1/8/09	Anna Wiggins	\$672.36
10458	1/9/09	Jennifer Watson	\$1,590.65
10458	1/15/09	Alejandro Gutierrez	\$1,412
10469	1/15/09	Alejandro Gutierrez	\$200
10409	1/13/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$400
10477	1/26/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$250
10470	1/20/09		\$109.87
10480		Staples Franch Maid Cleaning Service	\$550
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10513	2/5/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$500
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10502	2/6/09	Kaiser Permanente	\$500 \$500
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10504	2/9/09	Crown Investment Co.	\$250
10516	2/9/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$300 \$500
10522	2/9/09	Crown Investment Co.	\$500 \$500
10523	2/12/09	Kaiser Permanente	\$500 \$350
10519	2/17/09	Yvonne Pinnock	\$250 \$500
10532	2/23/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$500
10538	2/27/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$450
10539	2/27/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$250 \$500
10559	2/27/09	Crown Investment Co.	\$500 \$400
10540	3/2/09	Nancy Pinnock	\$400

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Online	3/3/09	Capital One	\$1,800
10537	3/4/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$1,500
Online	3/4/09	Capital One	\$500
10548	3/5/09	Nancy Pinnock	\$400
10542	3/6/09	Michelle Talamayan	\$900
10535	3/12/09	Michelle Talamayan	\$250
Online	3/12/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	3/13/09	Capital One	\$1,600
Online	3/17/09	Capital One	\$500
10536	3/18/09	French Maid Cleaning Service	\$500
Online	3/18/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	3/19/09	Capital One	\$1,000
Online	3/20/09	Capital One	\$1,000
10521	3/24/09	Anna M. Wiggins	\$150
10529	3/24/09	French Maid Cleaning Services	\$400
Online	3/24/09	Capital One	\$700
Online	3/27/09	Capital One	\$700
Online	3/30/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	4/7/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	4/8/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	4/9/09	Capital One	\$1,000
Online	4/14/09	Capital One	\$500
Online	4/17/09	Capital One	\$1,300
10617	4/29/09	Cash	\$2,000
Online	5/25/09	Capital One	\$250
Online	6/29/09	Capital One	\$250

- 7. Gotti was entitled to a substantial portion of the settlement amounts from the 76 cases filed in her name. Respondent had at most a *quantum meruit* claim for each case and settlement amount. The total of the settlements of these 76 cases is \$143,425.00. Of these 76 cases, there are 25 cases for which respondent has claimed to have settled the matter, but for which there is no evidence of the settlement amount.
- 8. From on January 1, 2008 through on January 1, 2010, the total amount of payments to Noni Gotti from the client trust account was \$8,500. As of on January 1, 2010 and continuing thereafter there should have been a substantial sum of money representing Gotti's share of the settlement proceeds in the CTA.
 - 9. As of on January 1, 2010, the balance in respondent's trust account was zero.

- 10. Respondent dishonestly or with gross negligence misappropriated the settlement funds received on behalf of Gotti.
 - 11. Respondent filed many of the 76 cases without Gotti's knowledge or consent.

II. Conclusions of Law

- 1. By failing to provide a complete accounting to Gotti for the 76 cases, respondent failed to render appropriate accounts to a client regarding all funds coming into respondent's possession in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3).
- 2. By failing to deposit into the CTA fifteen checks totaling \$27,300 of Gotti settlement funds, respondent failed to deposit funds received for the benefit of a client in a bank account labeled "Trust Account," "Client's Funds Account" or words of similar import, in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).
- 3. By misappropriating Gotti's share of the \$27,300 of settlement funds, respondent committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty and corruption, in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.
- 4. By leaving at least \$69,037.52 of his fees in respondent's CTA for withdrawal as needed to pay personal expenses, respondent commingled funds belonging to respondent in a bank account labeled "Trust Account," "Client's Funds Account" or words of similar import, in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).
- 5. By failing to maintain a substantial amount of money representing Gotti's share of the settlement funds in the CTA, respondent failed to maintain the balance of funds received for the benefit of a client and deposited in a bank account labeled "Trust Account," "Client's Funds Account" or words of similar import, in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).

- 6. By misappropriating a substantial amount of Gotti's settlement funds from the 76 cases, respondent committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty and corruption in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.
- 7. By filing cases without Gotti's knowledge or consent, respondent corruptly or wilfully and without authority appeared as attorney for a party to an action or proceeding, in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6104.

III. Supporting Authority

Standard 2.2(a) mandates disbarment in this case. Disbarment is further warranted under standard 1.7(a) given respondent's prior record of discipline.

IV. Pending Proceedings

The disclosure date referred to in paragraph A(7) of this stipulation, was March 16, 2012.

V. Estimate Of Costs Of Disciplinary Proceedings

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of January 23, 2012, the estimated prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$5,317.81. This does not include the costs of the upcoming deposition. Respondent acknowledges that this figure is an estimate only. 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.

In the Matter of: Theodore A. Pinnock		ase number(s): 9-O-19377		
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In the Matter of:	Occa Manushanin)
Theodore A. Pinnock	Case Number(s): 09-O-19377
DISBA	ARMENT ORDER
Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GR/	at it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the ANTED without prejudice, and:
The stipulated facts and disposition are Supreme Court.	e APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the
The stipulated facts and disposition are DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the	e APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the he Supreme Court.
☐ All Hearing dates are vacated. PAGE 5- E- (2) PCAC	ce X N Box.
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within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; of stipulation. (See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedu of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 d Court.) Theodore A. Pinnock Respondent is ordered transferred to Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (c)(4). Fealendar days after this order is served by mail and v	d unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved ure.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date lays after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of the involuntary inactive status pursuant to Business and Respondent's inactive enrollment will be effective three (3) will terminate upon the effective date of the Supreme Court's
order imposing discipline herein, or as provided for b California, or as otherwise ordered by the Supreme C	by rule 5.111(D)(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of Court pursuant to its plenary jurisdiction.
04-05-12	MM
Date	Judge of the State Bar Court
	RICHARD A. PLATEL

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 April 10, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on April 10, 2012.

Bernadette C.O. Molina Case Administrator State Bar Court