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## STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of	)	Case Nos.: 10-O-00070 (10-O-00071;
JORDAN RICHARD MORGENSTERN,	)	10-O-00077; 10-O-04549) (S190328)
Member No. 134046,	)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
A Member of the State Bar.	) ) )	TIME TO TAKE AND PASS THE MPRE AND DENYING REQUEST FOR A HEARING

On October 18, 2012, respondent Jordan Richard Morgenstern requested the court to extend the period of his probation through January 31, 2013, or such other time as the court may allow, in order that he may take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). Specifically, respondent, who took the MPRE in August 2012, requested that he be allowed to retake the MPRE in November 2012, and provide proof of passage thereof.

On October 22, 2012, the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California (Office of Probation), by and through Supervising Attorney Terrie Goldade, filed an opposition to respondent's motion.<sup>2</sup> Respondent filed a reply on October 24, 2012.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is not necessary to extend respondent's probation as requested by respondent in his motion, as the two-year probation period, ordered by the Supreme Court in S190328, effective on May 14, 2011, does not expire until 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to the Declaration of Terrie Goldade, which was submitted with the Office of Probation's opposition to respondent's motion, respondent has not been compliant with his quarterly reporting conditions in that he has been untimely in filing several quarterly reports.

Having considered the parties' contentions and good cause appearing, the court GRANTS respondent's motion as consistent with the objectives of his disciplinary probation. (Rule 5.300(B), Rules Proc. of State Bar.) Respondent has registered for the November 3, 2012 session of the MPRE. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the time in which respondent must provide satisfactory proof of the successful completion of the MPRE to the Office of Probation be extended until **December 28, 2012**.

All other terms and conditions of respondent's probation remain the same.

Pursuant to rule 5.45(D) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, written motions in the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court are submitted without hearing, unless otherwise ordered. Having reviewed the pleadings and finding that holding a hearing will not materially contribute to court's consideration of respondent's motion, the court DENIES respondent's request for a hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 26, 2012

LUCY ARMENDARIZ
Judge of the State Bar Court

The court is seriously troubled by an apparent failure on respondent's part to comprehend that strictly complying with court-ordered probation conditions must be given the highest priority. The court cautions that an attorney's failure to timely comply with probation conditions attached to a disciplinary order may be cause for a separate disciplinary proceeding, i.e., a probation revocation proceeding. (See Rule 5.310 et seq. of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.) Thus, it would behoove respondent to timely comply with the quarterly reporting requirements of his probation.

## 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 November 26, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO TAKE AND PASS THE MPRE AND DENYING REQUEST FOR A HEARING

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

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WILLIAM A. MUNOZ MURPHY PEARSON ET AL 1375 EXPOSITION BLVD STE 250 SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

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

TERRIE L. GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on November 26, 2012.

Bernadette C.O. Molina Case Administrator State Bar Court