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State Bar Court of California  
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STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE  
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RE: In the matter of Geoffrey J. Gnad  
Member No. 241342  
Case No. 11-C-18671-PRM

Response of Geoffrey J. Gnad

Judge McElroy:

Please accept the following as my response to the initiating document in the above matter. It is my position that the acts forming the basis of my conviction for misdemeanor battery – domestic violence do not constitute acts of moral turpitude.

I recognize that my conduct was not acceptable. Candidly, I admit that some sort of reprimand by the State Bar of California is appropriate here.

I am hopeful that the Court will agree with the Wisconsin Office of Lawyer Regulation that a license suspension or other more severe discipline is not warranted here. There are a number of mitigating factors which weigh in support of this outcome: I have no prior disciplinary history. I have been cooperative and forthcoming in dealing with the State Bar of California. I have also taken action to correct the medical and behavioral health concerns that were affecting me at the time of this incident. This incident bears no relationship to my actions as a practicing lawyer. I have taken responsibility for my actions in the criminal matter by pleading guilty to this charge.

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I have been in contact with the Office of Trial Counsel to request discussion of a stipulated resolution of this matter since I learned of it in early January 2013. Unfortunately, I never received any written proposal to resolve this matter from opposing counsel, and so was forced to file a response (Motion to Abate) in order to avoid going into default. As I have been trying to avoid formal litigation of this matter from the beginning, I would ask that the Court not impose any costs relating to this proceeding upon me. I can also prove financial hardship if needed.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey J. Gnadt

C: Atty. Heather Abelson, Deputy Trial Counsel (via US Mail and to [Heather.Abelson@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:Heather.Abelson@calbar.ca.gov) )