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#### **STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

#### **HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO**

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In the Matter of

THOMAS SCOTT SIMONS

Member No. 226484

A Member of the State Bar.

#### Case No.: 11-N-11115-PEM (S195171)

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE ETHICS SCHOOL

On August 16, 2013, respondent Thomas Scott Simons filed a motion for an extension of time in which to complete Ethics School and to do so in Texas where he now resides by attending a comparable class there by October 2013.<sup>1</sup> On August 22, 2013, the State Bar's Office of Probation, by Terrie Goldade, filed opposition thereto.

Having considered the parties' contentions and good cause appearing because respondent erroneously believed he had two years to complete Ethics School, the court GRANTS the motion as to extending the time to complete in Texas a class comparable to Ethics School and submit satisfactory proof of its completion no later than December 31, 2013. Prior to taking such a

<sup>1</sup> By order no. S195171 (State Bar Court case no. 11-N-11115), filed on October 4, 2011, the California Supreme Court ordered respondent, among other things, to complete Ethics School within one year of the effective date of its disciplinary order, that is, by November 3, 2012. He was also placed on actual suspension for two years and until he successfully completes a proceeding in the State Bar Court to establish his rehabilitation and other factors pursuant to Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, title IV, Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standard 1.4(c)(ii). Accordingly, respondent has been suspended from the practice of law in California since November 3, 2011, pursuant to this order and will remain so until he successfully completes the standard 1.4(c)(ii) proceeding.



class, respondent must submit relevant information about it to the Office of Probation for its approval, which will not be unreasonably denied. The information must be provided to the Office of Probation no later than 15 calendar days prior to the date of the class.

All other terms and conditions of probation remain the same.

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Dated: September <u>4</u>, 2013

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 September 4, 2013, 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:

THOMAS S. SIMONS 3721 HEARST CASTLE WAY PLANO, TX 75025

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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 TERRIE GOLDADE.

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Case Administrator State Bar Court