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Bar # 91354	STIPULATION RE FACTS, C DISPOSITION AND ORDER	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND APPROVING
In the Matter of:	—	
Steven Karlton Wen-Hao Kop	ACTUAL SUSPENSION	
Bar # 91354		ON REJECTED
A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)		

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:

- Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted January 15, 1980. (1)
- The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or (2) disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by (3) 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.
- A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included (4) under "Facts."

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- (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 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):
  - Until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law unless relief is obtained per rule 5.130, Rules of Procedure.
  - Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: 2013, 2014, and 2015. (Hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 5.132, Rules of Procedure.) If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

Costs are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs". Costs are 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 09-O-14632, et al.
  - (b) Date prior discipline effective September 14, 2011.
  - (c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)
  - (d) Degree of prior discipline One year stayed suspension with three years probation.
  - (e) If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.
- (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.

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- (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) X Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct. See Attachment, pg. 4.

(8) **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

#### Additional aggravating circumstances:

None.

# 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.
- (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. See Attachment, pg. 4.
- (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 \$ 1,000 on in November 2010 and \$200 in December 2010 in restitution to Raymond Gomez for Francisco Bustos 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. See Attachment, pg. 4
- (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.
- (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.

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(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:

None.

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#### **D. Discipline:**

- (1) X Stayed Suspension:
  - (a) C Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year.
    - 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:
  - (b) I The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

#### (2) $\boxtimes$ **Probation**:

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

#### (3) 🛛 Actual Suspension:

- (a) Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of 30 days.
  - 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:

# E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1) If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in the general law, pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- (2) During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.

- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.

- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
  - No Ethics School recommended. Reason: See Attachment, pg. 4.
- (9) 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.
- (10) The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
  - Substance Abuse Conditions Law Office Management Conditions
  - Medical ConditionsImage: 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 during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. 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 5.162(A) & (E), Rules of Procedure.

No MPRE recommended. Reason: See Attachment, pg. 4.

- (2) Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court: Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (3) Conditional Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court: If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (4) Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]: Respondent will be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension. Date of commencement of interim suspension:
- (5) 🛛 Other Conditions: See Attachment, pg. 4.

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# Financial Conditions

#### a. Restitution

Respondent must pay restitution (including the principal amount, plus interest of 10% per annum) to the payee(s) listed below. If the Client Security Fund ("CSF") has reimbursed one or more of the payee(s) for all or any portion of the principal amount(s) listed below, Respondent must also pay restitution to CSF in the amount(s) paid, plus applicable interest and costs.

Payee	Principal Amount	Interest Accrues From
Francisco and Lazara Bustos	\$4,100	June 5th, 2010
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Respondent must pay above-referenced restitution and provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation not later than four (4) years from the effective date of the discipline order.

#### b. Installment Restitution Payments

Respondent must pay the above-referenced restitution on the payment schedule set forth below. Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation with each quarterly probation report, or as otherwise directed by the Office of Probation. No later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the period of probation (or period of reproval), Respondent must make any necessary final payment(s) in order to complete the payment of restitution, including interest, in full.

Payee/CSF (as applicable)	Minimum Payment Amount	Payment Frequency

☐ If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

#### c. Client Funds Certificate

- I. If Respondent possesses client funds at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly report, Respondent must file with each required report a certificate from Respondent and/or a certified public accountant or other financial professional approved by the Office of Probation, certifying that:
  - a. Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California, at a branch located within the State of California, and that such account is designated as a "Trust Account" or "Clients' Funds Account";

- b. Respondent has kept and maintained the following:
  - i. A written ledger for each client on whose behalf funds are held that sets forth:
    - 1. the name of such client;
    - 2. the date, amount and source of all funds received on behalf of such client;
    - 3. the date, amount, payee and purpose of each disbursement made on behalf of such client; and,
    - 4. the current balance for such client.
  - ii. a written journal for each client trust fund account that sets forth:
    - 1. the name of such account;
    - 2. the date, amount and client affected by each debit and credit; and,
    - 3. the current balance in such account.
  - iii. all bank statements and cancelled checks for each client trust account; and,
  - iv. each monthly reconciliation (balancing) of (i), (ii), and (iii), above, and if there are any differences between the monthly total balances reflected in (i), (ii), and (iii), above, the reasons for the differences.
- c. Respondent has maintained a written journal of securities or other properties held for clients that specifies:
  - i. each item of security and property held;
  - ii. the person on whose behalf the security or property is held;
  - iii. the date of receipt of the security or property;
  - iv. the date of distribution of the security or property; and,
  - v. the person to whom the security or property was distributed.
- 2. If Respondent does not possess any client funds, property or securities during the entire period covered by a report, Respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Office of Probation for that reporting period. In this circumstance, Respondent need not file the accountant's certificate described above.
- 3. The requirements of this condition are in addition to those set forth in rule 4-100, Rules of Professional Conduct.

#### d. Client Trust Accounting School

Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must supply to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School Client Trust Accounting School, within the same period of time, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.

# **ATTACHMENT TO**

## STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Steven Karlton Wen-Hao Kop

CASE NUMBER(S): 11-O-10036 and 11-O-12223

#### FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

#### Case No. 11-O-10036 (Complainant: E. Daniel Gyurec)

FACTS:

1. On August 2009, E. Daniel Gyurec ("Gyurec"), his wife, Monica Sciarratta ("Sciarratta"), and Gyurec's step-daughter, Brigitte Doffo ("Doffo") hired Respondent for legal services related to real property foreclosures.

2. Respondent and Gyurec became friends. Respondent was having financial difficulties because of a previous motorcycle accident and the dissolution of his marriage. Gyurec provided Respondent with a cell phone, a virtual office, and let Respondent live with him and his family on a part-time basis. Mr. Gyurec claims that Respondent owes him \$30,531.28 for unearned fees, costs, and expenses paid on Respondent's behalf.

3. On November 2, 2009, Respondent filed a civil complaint on behalf of Sciarratta in U.S. District Court, case number 2:09-cv-08005.

4. On November 19, 2009, Respondent filed a civil complaint on behalf of Deville Developments, a company owned by Gyurec in San Bernadino Superior Court, case number CIVVS907571.

5. On April 14, 2010, Respondent filed an adversary proceeding on behalf of Gyurec in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, case number 6:10-ap-01274.

6. On November 23, 2009, Respondent filed a civil complaint on behalf of Ailinah Services, a company owned by Gyurec, in Orange County Superior Court, case number 30-2009-00322790.

7. On December 2, 2009, Respondent filed a civil complaint on behalf of Orchard View Estates, a company owned by Gyurec, in Riverside Superior Court, case number RIC541375.

8. On January 25, 2010, Respondent filed a Chapter 7 petition on behalf of Sciarratta in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, case number 6:10-bk-11935.

9. On April 21, 2010, Respondent filed a filed a Chapter 7 petition case on behalf of Doffo in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, case number 6:10-bk-21954.

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10. On June 7, 2010, Respondent applied for engagement as special litigation counsel in U.S. Bankruptcy Court case number 6:09-bk-14497 on behalf of Gyurec.

11. On or about July 9, 2010, Respondent filed a notice of appeal from a bankruptcy court order granting relief from bankruptcy stay on behalf of Gyurec in U.S. District Court, case number 5:10-cv-01016.

12. On July 13, 2010, the night before a hearing in Gyurec's bankruptcy case (case number 6:09bk-14497), Gyurec cut off Respondent's phone and virtual office. Respondent countered by telling Mr. Gyurec that he was withdrawing from all of the cases he in which he represented Gyurec, Sciarratta, and Doffo. Thereafter, Respondent performed no further services on their behalf.

13. Thereafter, Respondent never formally withdrew from representation or substituted out as attorney of record in any of Gyurec's, Sciarratta's, or Doffo's cases.

14. On or about September 14, 2010, U.S. District Court, case number 5:10-cv-01016 was dismissed because Respondent failed to file an opening brief.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

15. By failing to properly withdraw from representation of Gyurec, Sciarratta, and Doffo, Respondent failed, upon termination of employment, to take reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice to his client in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

## Case No. 11-O-12223 (Complainant: Francisco Bustos)

#### FACTS:

1. On or about June 5, 2010, Lazara and Francisco Bustos (the "Bustoses") paid Respondent \$5,300 to represent them in their bankruptcy filing, and to evaluate a lawsuit against their mortgage lender to attempt to stave off foreclosure on their home.

2. Respondent did not file a bankruptcy petition on behalf of the Bustoses, did not file suit against the Bustoses mortgage lender, and did not provide any other legal services of value to them.

3. Respondent did not earn any portion of the \$5,300 the Bustoses paid him.

4. On October 20, 2010, the Bustoses obtained a judgment against Respondent in small claims court for \$5,053.80 for the unearned fees. Respondent knew of the judgment. Respondent made two payments to the Bustoses totaling \$1,200; thereafter, Respondent made no additional payments to the Bustoses.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

5. By not paying the Bustoses the balance of the unearned fees, Respondent failed to refund promptly any part of a fee paid in advance that has not been earned in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

# PENDING PROCEEDINGS.

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(7), was November 3, 2011.

#### **AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.**

Pursuant to Standard 1.3 of the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, the primary purposes of disciplinary proceedings and imposing sanctions for professional misconduct 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."

Pursuant to Standard 1.7(a), if a member is found culpable of professional misconduct in any proceeding in which discipline may be imposed and the member has a record of one prior imposition of discipline as defined by standard 1.2(f), the degree of discipline imposed in the current proceeding shall be greater than that imposed in the prior proceeding unless the prior discipline imposed was so remote in time to the current proceeding and the offense for which it was imposed was so minimal in severity that imposing greater discipline in the current proceeding would be manifestly unjust.

Pursuant to Standard 2.4(b) Culpability of a member of wilfully failing to perform services in an individual matter or matters not demonstrating a pattern of misconduct or culpability of a member of wilfully failing to communicate with a client shall result in reproval or suspension depending upon the extent of the misconduct and the degree of harm to the client.

Finally, Standard 2.10 states that culpability of a member of a violation of any provision of the Business and Professions Code not specified in the standards or of a wilful violation of any Rule of Professional Conduct not specified in the standards shall result in reproval or suspension according to the gravity of the offense or the harm, if any, to the victim, with due regard to the purposes of imposing discipline set forth in standard 1.3.

The Supreme Court gives the Standards "great weight," and will reject a recommendation consistent with the Standards only where the Court entertains "grave doubts" as to its propriety. (*In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal. 3d 186, 190; *see also In re Silverton* (2005) 36 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 81, 91.) Further, although the Standards are not mandatory, it is well established that the Standards may be deviated from only when there is a compelling, well-defined reason to do so. (See *Aronin v. State Bar* (1990) 52 Cal. 3d 276, 291; *see also Bates v. State Bar* (1990) 52 Cal. 3d. 1056, 1060, fn. 2.)

The State Bar recognizes that the Standards should not be applied in a talismanic fashion. (*Gary* v. State Bar (1988) 44 Cal. 3d 820, 828.) However, Respondent bears the burden to demonstrate that the State Bar should deviate from the Standards.

In the case at bar, the stipulated discipline of one (1) year stayed suspension, four (4) years probation with conditions, and thirty (30) days actual suspension is consistent with the Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

#### Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct

The current misconduct acknowledged by Respondent evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing.

# **MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

#### Candor and Cooperation

Respondent's stipulation herein to the facts, his culpability, and his discipline is a mitigating circumstance. (In the Matter of Spaith (Review Dept. 1996) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 96, 106, fn. 13.)

# Severe Financial Stress

Respondent is entitled to significant mitigation for financial hardship. Respondent's financial pressures most likely resulted from a motorcycle accident in which he was severely injured. Thus, the financial pressure was beyond his control and entitled to greater mitigating weight.

# **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION**

# **Ethics School**

Respondent is not required to provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session as a condition of probation because he has an existing obligation to do so as a condition of probation in case number 09-0-14632.

# **OTHER CONDITIONS NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES**

# Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination

Respondent is not required to provide passage of the Multistate Professional Examination, administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation during the period of actual suspension or within one year, because he has an existing obligation to do so as a condition of probation in case number 09-O-14632.

#### Fee Arbitration

Within 60 days of the effective date of discipline, Respondent will submit proof to the Office of Probation that he contacted complainant E. Daniel Gyurec and offered to go to State Bar approved fee arbitration to resolve the issue of advanced legal fees paid to Respondent by Mr. Gyurec, or funds paid to third parties by Mr. Gyurec on Respondent's behalf as advanced legal fees. The aforementioned proof will contain E. Daniel Gyurec's original signature and a statement indicating his acceptance or rejection of the offer of State Bar approved fee arbitration.

A list of State Bar approved fee arbitration programs is available at: http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx

# COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of November 3, 2011, the prosecution costs in this matter are \$2,797. 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.

# RESTITUTION

Respondent waives any objection to payment by the State Bar Client Security Fund upon a claim for the principal amount of restitution set forth herein.

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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 Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

Steven Karlton Wen-Hao Kop Date pondent's Signature Print Name Rès Date Respondent's Counsel Signature **Print Name** Robert J. Melone Deputy Date **U**al Signature Print Name Counsel 'S

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# **ACTUAL SUSPENSION 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.
  - Page 4: The box for paragraph (1) (a) is deemed checked; and
  - Page 5: The box for paragraph (10) [Financial Conditions] is deemed checked.

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 5.58(E) & (F), 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.)

Date

DONALD F. MILES Judge of the State Bar Court

Actual Suspension Order

# **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 Los Angeles, on December 19, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

# STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING 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:

STEVEN KARLTON WEN-HAO KOP 3929 W 5TH ST SPC 9 SANTA ANA, CA 92703

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

# **ROBERT MELONE, Enforcement, Los Angeles**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on December 19, 2011.

Tammy Cleaver Case Administrator State Bar Court