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

In the Matter of)	Case No. 12-O-12167-PEM (S227680)
)	
ALDON LOUIS BOLANOS,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RELIEF
Member No. 233915,)	FROM COST ASSESSMENT
)	
A Member of the State Bar.)	
_____)	

On January 27, 2016, respondent Aldon Louis Bolanos filed his second motion for relief from cost assessment based on equity, fairness and financial hardship. (Supreme Court case No. S227680.)

On February 2, 2016, Supervising Senior Trial Counsel Donald R. Steedman of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (State Bar) opposed the request.

Respondent may be granted relief, in whole or in part, from an order assessing costs upon grounds of hardship, special circumstances, or other good cause. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6086.10, subdivision (c).)

Respondent's July 1, 2015 Certificate of Costs included \$1,194 for reporter's transcript, \$70 for witness fees, and \$19,156 for matters filed in 2012 that proceeded to the Review Department, in a total amount of \$20,420.



Under the special circumstances in this matter, in that respondent did not seek review, the court finds that respondent should pay the costs assessed for matters that proceeded to a multi-day trial (\$15,660), but not for matters that proceeded to the Review Department (\$19,156). Similarly, he should not have to pay the State Bar reporter's transcript costs for review. However, respondent must bear his own costs.

Accordingly, the costs assessed against respondent should be \$15,730, and not \$20,420, calculated as follows:

Base Charge for 2012	
(matters that proceeded to a multi-day trial)	\$15,660
Witness Fees	<u>70</u>
Total of All Costs	\$15,730

Therefore, respondent's disciplinary costs should be reduced by \$4,690 (\$20,420 - \$15,730).

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING and UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, respondent's motion for relief from cost assessment is hereby granted, in part, in that his disciplinary costs are reduced by \$4,690, such that the total costs assessed against respondent be \$15,730. The payment of costs remains enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 16, 2016



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)]

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ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RELIEF FROM COST ASSESSMENT

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Donald Robert Steedman, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on February 16, 2016.


Laurretta Cramer
Case Administrator
State Bar Court