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9 STATE BAR COURT

10 HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

11 In the Matter of:) Case No. 12-O-13730
12 JEFFREY PAUL KRANZDORF,)
13 No. 90207,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
14)
15 A Member of the State Bar.)

16 **NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

17 **IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE
18 WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT
THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:**

- 19 (1) **YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
20 (2) **YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
21 (3) **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN
THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION
AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**
22 (4) **YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.
SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE
23 OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN
ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT
24 FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.**

25 The State Bar of California alleges:

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 1. Jeffrey Paul Kranzdorf (respondent) was admitted to the practice of law in the State
28 of California on November 29, 1979, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is

1 currently a member of the State Bar of California.

2 COUNT ONE

3 Case No. 12-O-13730
4 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i)
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

5 2. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending
6 against respondent by failing to provide a written response to the State Bar's letters of June 11,
7 2012, and June 26, 2012, which respondent received, that requested respondent's response to the
8 allegations of misconduct being investigated in case no. 12-O-13730, and respondent failed to
9 appear at an investigative deposition on October 2, 2013, after being personally served with
10 notice of the deposition on September 18, 2013, in willful violation of Business and Professions
11 Code, section 6068(i).

12 COUNT TWO

13 Case No. 12-O-13730
14 Business and Professions Code, section 6106
[Moral Turpitude - Misappropriation]

15 3. In or about November 2009, respondent represented Red Note Media Ltd. and its
16 principal, Edward Adams, in a sales transaction to acquire sound recordings, called the Steel
17 Town Masters, from its owner, J. William Valenciano for \$50,000. On or about November 6,
18 2009, Adams wired \$53,000 into respondent's business account at Bank of America, account no.
19 *****0837¹ (business account) to be held and used for the acquisition of the Steel Town
20 Masters. On or about November 9, 2009, Adams and Valenciano entered into a contract for the
21 sale of the Steel Town Masters to Adams for \$50,000 and Valenciano delivered the Steel Town
22 Masters to Adams. Between on or about November 12, 2009, and on or about January 11, 2010,
23 without transferring the funds to Valenciano, respondent dishonestly or grossly negligently
24 misappropriated, for respondent's own purposes, the \$50,000 that Valenciano was entitled to
25 receive, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in
26 willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

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¹ The bank account number has been redacted in part for privacy.

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COUNT THREE

Case No. 12-O-13730
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)
[Failure to Deposit Client Funds in Trust Account]

4. On or about November 6, 2009, respondent received on behalf of Red Note Media Ltd. and its principal, Edward Adams, \$50,000 that was to be used for the purchase of the Steel Town Masters from J. William Valenciano. Respondent failed to deposit \$50,000 in client funds that he received for the benefit of Red Note Media Ltd. and its principal, Edward Adams, in a bank account labeled "Trust Account," "Client's Funds Account" or words of similar import, in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).

NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.

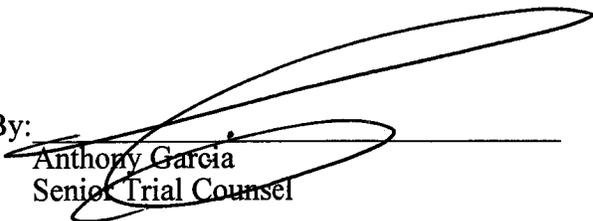
NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

Dated: July 1, 2015

By: 
Anthony Garcia
Senior Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): 12-O-13730

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:

- on the date shown below, I caused to be served a true copy of the within document described as follows:

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))
- in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles.

By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))

By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))
- I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service (UPS).

By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request.

By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)
Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person(s) at the electronic addresses listed herein below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.

(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0859 73 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS, Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

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Jeffrey P. Kranzdorf, 2425 Colorado Ave Ste #205 Santa Monica, CA 90404, Electronic Address

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I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: July 1, 2015

SIGNED: Charles C. Bagai Declarant