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In the Matter of ) Case No.: 12-O-14894 (S232138)  
 ) 14-O-04588 (S219628)  
STEVEN EARL SMITH, JR., )  
 ) **ORDER REGARDING RESPONDENT'S**  
 ) **MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM OR**  
A Member of the State Bar, No. 140031. ) **EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY**  
 ) **DISCIPLINARY COSTS**

On May 31, 2018, Steven Earl Smith, Jr., (Respondent), filed a motion seeking relief from or an extension of time to pay State Bar disciplinary costs based on grounds of financial hardship. On June 1, 2018, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (State Bar), by and through R. Kevin Bucher, Esq., filed a response in opposition to Respondent's motion for relief from costs. As Respondent's motion is not supported by documentation of his financial hardship when the disciplinary costs were initially ordered to be paid, starting in February 2015, the State Bar objects to Respondent's request for a waiver of costs.

While Respondent has not submitted full documentation of his alleged financial hardship, Respondent has established sufficient hardship and other good cause to grant him an extension of time to pay the costs in three annual installments.

Accordingly, the court orders that to the extent Respondent seeks a waiver of disciplinary costs Respondent's motion is **DENIED**. However, the court grants Respondent an extension of time to pay the costs imposed on him in the above-captioned matter. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6086.10, subd. (c); Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.130(B).)



**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** respondent Steven Earl Smith, Jr., must pay one-third of the costs with his State Bar of California membership fees for each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. If he fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be hereafter modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining unpaid balance of the costs is due and payable immediately. Until they are paid in full, the costs remain enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: June 6, 2018

  
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YVETTE D. ROLAND  
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 Court Specialist 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 June 6, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**ORDER REGARDING REPENDENT'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM OR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY DISCIPLINARY COSTS**

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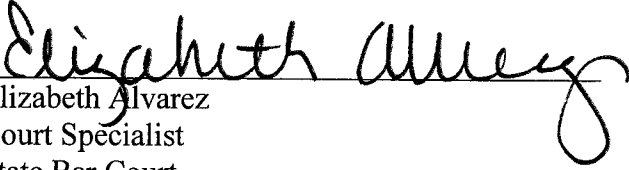
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Ronald K. Bucher, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on June 6, 2018.

  
Elizabeth Alvarez  
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State Bar Court