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**STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
HEARING DEPARTMENT – LOS ANGELES**

In the Matter of)	Case Nos.: 13-C-14336-PEM; 13-C-14497;
)	13-C-14499; 13-C-14517;
KARL WESLEY KIME,)	13-C-14518; 14-J-03441 (Cons.)
)	(S223253)
Member No. 143696,)	
)	ORDER: GRATING PARTIAL COST
A Member of the State Bar.)	RELIEF and EXTENSION OF TIME IN
)	WHICH TO PAY COSTS
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This matter is before the court on Karl Wesley Kime's July 13, 2015 motion for relief from the order (Supreme Court order S223253) assessing costs in the above-captioned matters. Karl Wesley Kime (Kime) entered a disciplinary stipulation in State Bar case Nos. 13-C-14336 et al., filed on October 29, 2014, which resulted in a cost bill assessing \$36,595 against him in disciplinary costs. In support of his motion for relief from costs, Kime submitted a declaration made under penalty of perjury, setting forth the specifics of his financial situation, including, but not limited to income received, expenses, and debts.

On July 24, 2015, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (State Bar) filed a response to Kime's motion for relief. The State Bar does not oppose respondent's request to modify the costs, as it acknowledges that all six matters resolved by the October 29, 2014 disciplinary stipulation are related to respondent's criminal convictions in

Idaho and a reciprocal disciplinary matter from Idaho. The State Bar further recognizes that it would be appropriate to consider the five conviction referral matters together for cost purposes given that the criminal matters arose over a relatively short time period and were all resolved by the October 29, 2014 disciplinary stipulation.

Having carefully considered the pleadings of the parties, the court concludes that although Kime has not established sufficient grounds of hardship, special circumstances, or other good cause to grant relief from all of the \$36,595 in assessed costs, he has established sufficient grounds of hardship, special circumstances, and other good cause to grant partial relief in the amount of \$32,935, and to grant him an extension of time to pay the remaining \$3,660 (\$36,595 - \$32,935 = \$3,660) in costs.

Accordingly, the court **ORDERS**:

1. Kime's motion for relief from payment of disciplinary costs is **granted in part, and denied in part**. The amount of costs assessed against Kime is not completely waived; but it is reduced from \$36,595 to \$3,660; and

2. Kime is granted an extension of time to pay the reduced disciplinary costs. In view of his financial hardship, the court **ORDERS** that Kime must pay the reduced disciplinary costs in five equal installments along with his membership fees commencing with the 2016 billing cycle. In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, one-fifth of the remaining \$3,660 in costs must be paid with Kime's membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6086.10, subd. (c); Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.130(B).)

The court further **ORDERS** that, if Kime fails to pay any installment of disciplinary costs within the time provided herein or as may be modified by the State Bar Court under Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, subdivision (c) and the Rules of Procedure of the State

Bar, the remaining balance of the costs is due and payable immediately. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.134.) 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: August 14, 2015


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 August 14, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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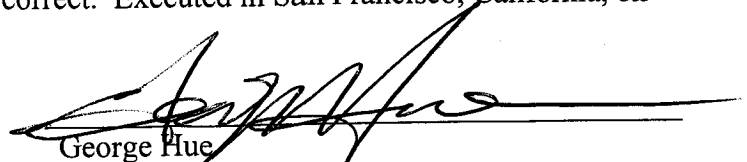
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George Hue
Case Administrator
State Bar Court