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

<p>In the Matter of:</p> <p>STEPHAN C. WILLIAMS No. 37755</p>	<p>CASE NO.: 13-O-10218</p> <p>STEPHAN C. WILLIAMS' RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES</p>
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Heather Abelson, a deputy trial counsel for the State Bar, has alleged in her July 17, 2013 Neutral Evaluation Conference Statement, Five (5) counts of violations.

RESPONSE TO COUNTS 1 and 2:

The statements that I intentionally, with gross negligence, and while suspended from practice of law, "appeared" in court on behalf of two clients, is not true.

I did however appear on June 15, 2012, the day my suspension commenced, as well as did appear in Court on behalf of one client. As I have previously stated to the Bar

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1 investigators, this appearance was the result of my belief that my suspension began on June
2 18, 2012, not June 15, 2012. I did not intentionally or through gross negligence commit this
3 violation.
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5 As I have previously stated to the investigator, in the summer of 2012, I was suffering
6 from a memory loss. I did not realize how this memory loss was truly affecting my day to
7 day activities. I am currently on medication to improve my short term memory loss. I must
8 now write down matters that I must attend-to on a daily basis.
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10 **RESPONSE TO COUNT 3:**

11 It is alleged that I represented four (4) clients after my suspension began on May 16,
12 2012. I do not know the relevance of the May 16, 2012 date. My suspension began on June
13 15, 2012, and I did not represent four (4) clients. Except for the June 15, 2012 appearance, I
14 did not represent any client and still do not.
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17 **RESPONSE TO COUNT 4:**

18 As to the \$7,500 sanctions imposed by the lower court: It's true I was sanctioned for
19 a prior failure to appear. I have not been able to pay this sanction due to a total lack of funds.
20 If I had the funds I would certainly have paid this sanction, but I am living on my Social
21 Security benefits of \$2,000 a month, and a VA disability check of \$550 per month.
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23 My home is in foreclosure and I am currently attempting to borrow money to pay the
24 broker, as well as pay this sanction.
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4 **PROOF OF SERVICE BY**
5 **(C.C.P. §10103(a), §2015.5)**

6 I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Contra Costa. I am
7 over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within above-entitled action; my business address
8 is 1870 Olympic Blvd., Suite 120, Walnut Creek, California 94596. I am readily familiar with
9 the business practices of this office for facsimile transmission and the collection and processing
10 of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service.

11 On the below date, I served the following:

12 **STEPHAN C. WILLIAMS' RESPONSE TO**
13 **NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

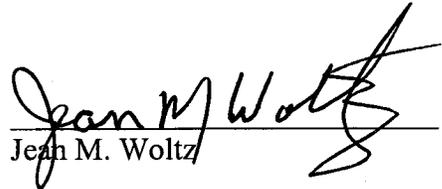
14 on the parties to said action as addressed below, by causing a true copy thereof to be:

- 15 U. S. First Class Mail (in a sealed envelope, with fully prepaid postage)
16 Hand Delivery
17 Federal Express
18 Facsimile

19 **ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

20 State Bar of California
21 180 Howard Street
22 San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

23 I declare under penalty of perjury according to the laws of the State of California
24 that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed August 13, 2013, at Walnut Creek,
25 California.

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28 Jean M. Woltz