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In the Matter of

**EDWARD GRIFFIN DUREE,**

**Member No. 116569,**

A Member of the State Bar.

) Case No.: **13-O-10219-LMA**

) **ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S**  
) **MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT AND**  
) **ORDER OF DISBARMENT**

On November 19, 2013, respondent Edward Griffin Duree (respondent) filed a motion to set aside default and order of disbarment on the grounds of mistake, inadvertence, and/or excusable neglect. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.83(C).) Respondent asserted that his failure to participate in this action was due to mental depression, alcohol abuse, and severe financial difficulties.

On November 22, 2013, the State Bar of California, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, filed an opposition arguing that the motion should be denied because it is untimely, and not supported by clear and convincing evidence which show that the factors enumerated in rule 5.83(D) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar have been met.

Accordingly, having considered the parties' contentions and good cause appearing, the motion is GRANTED. The orders entering default on March 18, 2013 and submitting the default matter for decision on October 16, 2013, and the Petition for Disbarment on September 20, 2013, are vacated.




The case administrator is directed to file respondent's proposed response to the disciplinary charges, which was submitted with his motion for relief from default.

Respondent's inactive enrollment under Business and Professions Code 6007, subdivision (e)(1), is terminated, effective upon the filing of this order. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6007, subd. (e)(2).)

A status conference will take place on **December 16, 2013** at the hour of **10:30 a.m.**, the status conference will be held in person at the State Bar Court, 180 Howard St., 6<sup>th</sup> Fl., San Francisco, CA 94105-1639.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: December 4, 2013

  
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LUCY ARMENDARIZ  
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 December 4, 2013, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

### ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT AND ORDER OF DISBARMENT

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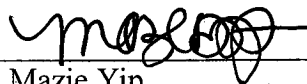
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on December 4, 2013.



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