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

In the Matter of)	Case No.: 13-O-10353-LMA
)	(S213057)
SUSAN PATRICIA WIDULE,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING REDUCTION IN
Member No. 166530,)	COSTS AND EXTENSION OF TIME IN
)	WHICH TO PAY
A Member of the State Bar.)	
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On December 18, 2018, Susan Patricia Widule (Widule) filed a motion for relief from disciplinary costs. Widule asked that she be given relief on the ground of financial hardship from the Supreme Court's November 13, 2013 order (S213057), as modified by this court in its April 11, 2014 Order Extending Time to Pay Costs. Specifically, she requested that she be excused from paying that half of the disciplinary costs that she had been ordered to pay with her bar dues for 2015. In support of her motion, Widule submitted a financial declaration made under penalty of perjury.

On December 18, 2014, the State Bar of California, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel (State Bar), by and through deputy trial counsel Heather E. Abelson, filed a response to Widule's motion asserting the State Bar's objection to granting Widule relief, in whole or in part, from the disciplinary costs assessed against her. The State Bar, however, stated that it did not oppose an

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order, which would allow Widule to pay one-half of the assessed costs with her membership dues in each of the years 2016 and 2017, rather than in 2015 and 2016.

Having carefully considered Widule's motion and the State Bar's opposition thereto, the court finds that she has established hardship, special circumstances, and other good cause under rule 5.130(B) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar as to warrant the following orders:

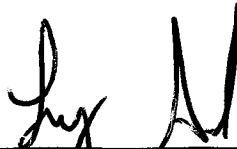
1. Widule's motion for relief from payment of disciplinary costs is **granted in part**, and **denied in part**. The amount of costs assessed against Widule is not completely waived; but it is reduced from \$2,925 to \$1,925; and

2. Widule is granted an extension of time to pay the reduced disciplinary costs. In view of her financial hardship, the court orders Widule to pay the reduced disciplinary costs in three equal installments along with her membership fees commencing with the 2016 billing cycle. In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, one-third of the reduced costs must be paid with Widule's membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

It is further **ORDERED** that if Widule fails to pay any installment of disciplinary costs within the time provided herein or as may be modified by the State Bar Court pursuant to section 6086.10, subdivision (c), the remaining balance of the costs is due and payable immediately unless relief has been granted under the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.134.) The payment of costs is enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 13, 2015



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 January 13, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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- ☒ by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at San Francisco, California, addressed as follows:

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- ☒ by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

HEATHER E. ABELSON, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on January 13, 2015.



Bernadette C.O. Molina
Case Administrator
State Bar Court