PUBLIC MATTER

1 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL JUN 11 2014 **JAYNE KIM, No. 174614** CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL STATE BAR COURT 3 JOSEPH R. CARLUCCI, No. 172309 CLERK'S OFFICE DEPUTY CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL LOS ANGELES 4 MELANIE J. LAWRENCE, No. 230102 ASSISTANT CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL MIA R. ELLIS, No. 228235 SENIOR TRIAL COUNSEL 6 845 South Figueroa Street Los Angeles, California 90017-2515 7 Telephone: (213) 765-1380 8 9 STATE BAR COURT 10 **HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES** 11 12 In the Matter of: Case No. 13-O-11107 13 LOTFY MRICH, NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES No. 202286, 14 15 A Member of the State Bar. 16 **NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!** 17 IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT 18 THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL: 19 (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED; (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU 20 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW; (3) YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN 21 THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND: 22 (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE. SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE 23 OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ., 24 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA. 25

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The State Bar of California alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. LOTFY MRICH ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on July 16, 1999, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

COUNT ONE

Case No. 13-O-11107 Business and Professions Code section 6103 [Failure to Obey a Court Order]

2. Respondent disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring Respondent to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which Respondent ought in good faith to do or forbear by failing to comply with the December 10, 2012 Order to Show Cause issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division in case number 1:12-bk-19984-VK, to file a response by December 19, 2012 regarding why the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case on behalf of Respondent's client should not be dismissed, why Respondent should not refund any compensation received from his client, and why Respondent should not be referred to the State Bar for filing a document with a forged signature, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6103.

COUNT TWO

Case No. 13-O-11107 Business and Professions Code section 6068(d) [Seeking to Mislead a Judge]

3. Between on or about November 12, 2012 and November 26, 2012, Respondent filed a bankruptcy petition, schedules and an electronic filing declaration in the United States
Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division in case number
1:12-bk-19984-VK, under the guise that the documents were all signed by his client, Mark
Bilinski (Bilinski), when in fact Respondent's employee signed Bilinski's name to the bankruptcy documents and Respondent knew that but failed to disclose to the Court that someone other than Bilinski had signed the documents, and thereby sought to mislead the judge

or judicial officer by an artifice or false statement of fact or law, in willful violation of Business 2 and Professions Code section 6068(d). 3 **COUNT THREE** 4 Case No. 13-O-11107 Business and Professions Code section 6068(d) 5 [Seeking to Mislead a Judge] 6 4. On or about November 26, 2012, Respondent filed a declaration in the United States 7 Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division in case number 8 1:12-bk-19984-VK, representing that he personally observed and witnessed real property buyers 9 Commercial Management Concepts, LLC (defendants), enter the property of his client, Mark 10 Bilinski (Bilinski), without presenting any written warrant or giving written notice to vacate or 11 allowing Bilinski to obtain his personal belongings or medication and that Respondent was 12 distressed when he heard accounts of Bilinski saying goodbye to his cats and crying in pain 13 while the agents of the defendants stood there with satisfactory smirks on their faces. These 14 statements were false and Respondent knew they were false because, in fact, Respondent did not 15 personally observe or witness these events. By knowingly filing a false declaration with the 16 United Sate Bankruptcy Court, Respondent sought to mislead the judge or judicial officer by an 17 artifice or false statement of fact or law, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(d). 18 COUNT FOUR 19 Case No. 13-O-11107 20 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-310(F) [Accepting Fees From a Non-Client] 21 22 5. On or about November 12, 2012, Respondent accepted \$806 from Andrade Financial, 23 Inc. as compensation for representing a client, Mark Bilinski, without obtaining his client's 24 informed written consent to receive such compensation, in willful violation of the Rules of 25 Professional Conduct, rule 3-310(F). 26 27

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NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.

NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: June 11, 2014 By:

Senior Trial Counsel

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): 13-O-11107

I, the undersigned, am over California, 845 South Figueroa Stree	the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the with Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:	in action, whose business address and	d place of employment is the State Bar of
- on the date shown below, I caused to be served a true copy of the within document described as follows:			
NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES			
By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a)) - in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles. By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d)) - I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS'). By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f)) Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request. By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6) Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person(s) at the electronic addresses listed herein below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.			
Person Served	Business-Residential Address	Fax Number	Courtesy Copy to:
LOTFY MRICH	Law Offices of Lotfy Mrich 10681 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 390 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730	Electronic Address	
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I declare under penalty of California, on the date shown below			-
DATED: June 11, 2014	SIGNED:	Sandra Reynolds Declarant	les