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STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

| In the Matter of |) Case Nos. 13-O-11575 (14-O-04475) (S236952) |
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| JOHN E. SWEENEY, JR., | ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO TAKE AND PROVIDE |
| A Member of the State Bar, No. 37042. | PROOF OF PASSAGE OF THE MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION |

On November 14, 2017, respondent John E. Sweeney, Jr. (respondent) filed a motion seeking a stipulation with the Office of Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (OCTC) extending his probation through April 15, 2018. From a review of respondent's motion, it appears that respondent seeks an extension of his probation in order to take and provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

The State Bar's Office of Probation (OP) filed a response to respondent's motion on November 16, 2017. The OP does not oppose respondent's motion to extend his probation and provide proof of passage of the MPRE by April 15, 2018.

The court finds that it is not necessary to extend respondent's period of probation in this matter, as the requirement that respondent take and provide proof of passage of the MPRE is not a condition of his probation. Rather, it is an independent requirement ordered by the Supreme Court which may result in suspension if it is not timely completed. As such, the court denies respondent's request to extend his probation. However, the court deems respondent's motion as a request for an extension of time to take and provide proof of passage of the MPRE. After

thorough consideration, the court finds that this request is consistent with protecting the public; the member's successful rehabilitation; and maintaining the integrity of the legal profession.

(Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.300(B).) Accordingly, respondent's request to extend the time for him to take and provide proof of passage of the MPRE is **GRANTED**. However, if respondent takes the next scheduled MPRE on March 24, 2018, it is unlikely that he would be able to provide proof of passage of the examination by an April 15, 2018, deadline.

Accordingly, respondent is **ORDERED** to take and provide proof of passage of the MPRE to the OP on or before **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 17, 2017

REBECCA MEYER ROSENBERG

Judge Pro Tempore of the State Bar Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

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TERRIE GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on November 17, 2017.

Mazie Yip

Case Administrator

State Bar Court