

# PUBLIC MATTER

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In the Matter of: ) Case No. 13-O-13320 & 13-O-16221  
 )  
 GEORGE AWAD SABA, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
 No. 134316, )  
 )  
 A Member of the State Bar )

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

**IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:**

- (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;
- (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;
- (3) YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;
- (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE. SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ., RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.



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The State Bar of California alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. George Awad Saba (“respondent”) was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on June 14, 1988, 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-13320  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)  
[Maintaining an Unjust Action]

2. On or about January 19, 2011, respondent failed to counsel or maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to respondent legal or just by filing an adversary proceeding, *James W. Weitzel v. Edward R. Bisby, et al.*, Adv. Case No. 6:11-ap-01037, on behalf of the debtor in the bankruptcy proceeding, *In re James W. Weitzel*, case no. 6:09-bk-35202, filed on or about October 22, 2009 in United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, that he knew was frivolous or had no merit because of the litigation privilege and California’s anti-SLAPP statute (Code of Civil Procedure § 425.16), in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c).

COUNT TWO

Case No. 13-O-13320  
Business and Professions Code, section 6103  
[Failure to Obey a Court Order]

3. 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 court order, filed on or about February 17, 2012, to pay \$23,000 in sanctions imposed against him for filing a frivolous adversary proceeding in *In re James W. Weitzel*, case no. 6:09-bk-35202, filed on or about October 22, 2009 in United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.

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COUNT THREE

Case No. 13-O-13320  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3)  
[Failure to Report Judicial Sanctions]

4. Respondent failed to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time respondent had knowledge of the imposition of judicial sanctions against respondent by failing to report to the State Bar the \$23,000 in sanctions the court imposed on respondent on or about February 17, 2012 in *In re James W. Weitzel*, case no. 6:09-bk-35202, filed on or about October 22, 2009 in United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section, 6068(o)(3).

COUNT FOUR

Case No. 13-O-16621  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)  
[Maintaining an Unjust Action]

5. On or about June 15, 2012, respondent failed to counsel or maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to respondent legal or just by filing a cross-complaint, on behalf of plaintiffs, in the quiet title action, *Roberto Rivera, et al. v. Value Home Loan, Inc., et al.*, case no. YC063260, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on or about September 20, 2010, that he knew was frivolous or had no merit because of the litigation privilege and California's anti-SLAPP statute (Code of Civil Procedure § 425.16), in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c).

COUNT FIVE

Case No. 13-O-16621  
Business and Professions Code, section 6103  
[Failure to Obey a Court Order]

6. 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 court order, filed on or about January 3, 2013, to pay \$2,590 in sanctions imposed against him for filing a frivolous cross-complaint in the quiet title action, *Roberto Rivera, et al. v. Value Home Loan, Inc., et al.*, case

1 no. YC063260, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on or about September 20, 2010, in willful  
2 violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.

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4 **NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!**

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

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14 **NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

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

20 Respectfully submitted,

21 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
22 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

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28 DATED: 12/28/19

By: 

Ross Viselman  
Deputy Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): 13-O-13320 & 13-O-16221

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:

- 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))
By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))
By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))
By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

- (for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0875 33 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS, Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

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George A. Saba, 2514 Glenbush Circle, Corona, CA 92882, Electronic Address

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I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS').

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I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: December 30, 2014

SIGNED: Jason Peralta
Declarant