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STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT - SAN FRANCISCO

12 In the Matter of: ) Case No. 13-O-14814  
13 SEAN DONRAD, )  
14 No. 242665, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
15 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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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Sean Donrad ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of  
4 California on June 1, 2006, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently  
5 a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 13-O-14814  
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
9 [Failure to Perform with Competence]

10 2. On or about April 9, 2013, Rajarshi Ray employed respondent to perform legal  
11 services, namely represent him in a contested traffic matter, California Highway Patrol citation  
12 #67360QK, which respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with  
13 competence, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by performing  
14 no legal services of value on behalf of the client.

15 COUNT TWO

16 Case No. 13-O-14814  
17 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2)  
18 [Improper Withdrawal from Employment]

19 3. Respondent failed, upon termination of employment, to take reasonable steps to avoid  
20 reasonably foreseeable prejudice to respondent's client, Rajarshi Ray, by constructively  
21 terminating respondent's employment on or about June 25, 2013, by failing to take any action on  
22 the client's behalf after continuing a scheduled court date in a contested traffic matter, California  
23 Highway Patrol citation #67360QK, from June 14, 2013 to July 15, 2013, and thereafter failing  
24 to inform the client that respondent was withdrawing from employment for which respondent  
25 was hired, namely, to represent Ray in a contested traffic matter, California Highway Patrol  
26 citation #67360QK, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

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COUNT THREE

Case No. 13-O-14814  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Inform Client of Significant Development]

4. Respondent failed to keep respondent's client, Rajarshi Ray, reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m), by failing to inform the client of the following:

- A. That respondent was ineligible to practice law as of June 25, 2013.
- B. That respondent would not be eligible to appear on Ray's behalf in court on July 15, 2013, until Ray contacted respondent on Sunday, July 14, 2013.

**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.**

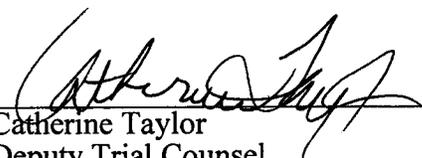
**NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

**IN 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: July 1, 2014

By: 

Catherine Taylor  
Deputy Trial Counsel

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**  
**BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL**

CASE NO.: 13-O-14814

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that 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; that in the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day; that I am aware that on motion of party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit; and that 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 San Francisco, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

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in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as *certified mail, return receipt requested*, and in an additional sealed envelope as *regular mail*, at San Francisco, on the date shown below, addressed to:

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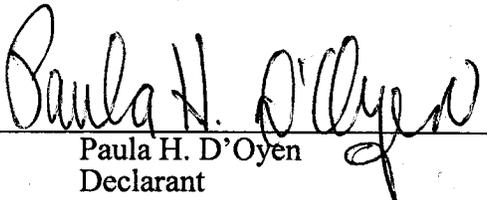
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in an inter-office mail facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

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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 San Francisco, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: July 1, 2014

Signed:   
Paula H. D'Oyen  
Declarant