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	Submitted to: Settlement Judge			
Bar # <b>261859</b>	STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND			
In the Matter of: GOURI GOPALAN NAIR	DISPOSITION AND ORDER	APPROVING		
	ACTUAL SUSPENSION			
Bar # <b>270900</b>	PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED			
A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)				

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

## A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted August 17, 2010.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of **12** pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law".

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Actual Suspension

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- (6) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."
- (7) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.
- (8) Payment of Disciplinary Costs-Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
  - Until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law unless relief is obtained per rule 5.130, Rules of Procedure.
  - $\boxtimes$ Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: Costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the two billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court disciplinary order. (Hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 5.132, Rules of Procedure.) If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately. Costs are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs".
    - Costs are entirely waived.
- **B.** Aggravating Circumstances [Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standards 1.2(f) & 1.5]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.
  - (1) **Prior record of discipline** 
    - State Bar Court case # of prior case (a)
    - (b) Date prior discipline effective
    - (C) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations:
    - (d) Degree of prior discipline
    - If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below. (e)
  - (2) **Dishonesty:** Respondent's misconduct was intentional, surrounded by, or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.
  - (3) **Trust Violation:** Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
  - (4) Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice. See attachment at page 9.
  - (5) Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.
  - Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her (6) misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.

- (7) Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct. See attachment at page 9.
- (8) **Restitution:** Respondent failed to make restitution.
- (9) **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

Additional aggravating circumstances:

## C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standards 1.2(g) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.

- (1) **No Prior Discipline:** Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.
- (2) **No Harm:** Respondent did not harm the client, the public, or the administration of justice.
- (3) Candor/Cooperation: Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.
- (4) Remorse: Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.
- (5) Restitution: Respondent paid \$ on in restitution to without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
- (6) Delay: These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.
- (7) **Good Faith:** Respondent acted with a good faith belief that was honestly held and reasonable.
- (8) Emotional/Physical Difficulties: At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical or mental disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and the difficulties or disabilities no longer pose a risk that Respondent will commit misconduct.
- (9) Severe Financial Stress: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10) Family Problems: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.
- (11) Good Character: Respondent's extraordinarily good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12) Rehabilitation: Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13) **No mitigating circumstances** are involved.

Additional mitigating circumstances:

See attachment at page 10.

## **D. Discipline:**

- (1) X Stayed Suspension:
  - (a) Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years.
    - i. and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1) Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
    - ii. and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
    - iii. and until Respondent does the following:
  - (b) The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

## (2) $\square$ **Probation**:

Respondent must be placed on probation for a period of **two (2) years**, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18, California Rules of Court)

- (3)  $\boxtimes$  Actual Suspension:
  - (a) Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of **thirty (30) days**.
    - i.  $\Box$  and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct
    - ii. and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
    - iii. and until Respondent does the following:

## E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1) If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in the general law, pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- (2) During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

- (4) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (5) Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (6) Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (7) Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (8) Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
  - No Ethics School recommended. Reason:
- (9) Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.
- (10) The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
  - Substance Abuse Conditions Law Office Management Conditions
  - Medical Conditions

## F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:

(1) Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination: Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 5.162(A) & (E), Rules of Procedure.

No MPRE recommended. Reason:

- (2) Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court: Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (3) Conditional Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court: If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (4) Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]: Respondent will be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension. Date of commencement of interim suspension:
- (5) **Other Conditions**:

## ATTACHMENT TO

### STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: GOURI GOPALAN NAIR

CASE NUMBER: 13-O-17366-DFM

## FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that she is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

Case No. 13-O-17366-DFM (Complainant: Marcus Wakefield)

FACTS:

1. On August 30, 2011, Marcus Wakefield (hereinafter "Wakefield) and Tamera Moore (hereinafter "Moore"), executed a medical malpractice retainer with Respondent to pursue a wrongful death on behalf of their infant daughter, Khamari. The retainer required a \$2,000 advanced cost deposit of which payment of \$1,500 was acknowledged at the time the retainer was executed.

2. On October 17, 2011, Respondent wrote to both the attending physician involved and the hospital advising them that she had been retained and placing them on notice of intent to sue.

3. On November 23, 2011, representatives of the Cooperative of American Physicians responded on behalf of the named defendant physician and requested that Respondent's clients complete required medical authorizations so as to facilitate their evaluation of the claim. On December 2, 2011, Ms. Moore executed the requested authorizations.

4. On January 17, 2012, Respondent filed a verified complaint in the Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2012-00117188, styled *Moore v. Marr*, et al. Both Moore and Wakefield executed their respective verifications on January 17, 2012, in Sacramento, their then residence.

5. On February 27, 2012, counsel for the defendant physician propounded discovery to the plaintiff parents. Defendant physician also filed a motion to strike punitive and exemplary damage allegations, setting the hearing for March 27, 2012. Respondent neither opposed the motion nor appeared at the hearing, resulting in the granting of the requested relief.

6. On March 14, 2012, Respondent's assistant, Jonny Morales, e-mailed Moore "to discuss some issues related to your case."

7. On April 2, 2012, Respondent requested and was granted a two week extension up to and including April 17, 2012, to respond to outstanding discovery by defense counsel.

8. On April 5, 2012, Moore and Wakefield separated, Moore relocating to Texas. Moore did not change either her phone number or e-mail address upon her relocating to Texas. Moore was the primary

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contact person during Respondent's representation. Wakefield did not provide Respondent with a phone number or e-mail address.

9. On May 9, 2012, defense counsel sent to Respondent a "meet and confer" letter prior to pursuing a motion to compel responses to the outstanding delinquent discovery.

10. On May 14, 2012, Respondent e-mailed Moore enclosing the meet and confer letter. No sense of urgency was communicated within Respondent's e-mail or the consequences that may evolve should the discovery not be timely responded to under oath.

11. When Respondent failed to timely provide discovery responses, defense counsel filed a motion to compel discovery responses on June 5, 2012, setting the hearing for July 12, 2012. On June 13, 2012, Respondent e-mailed Moore to advise of the pending motion to compel and the need for response no later than June 20, 2012.

12. On June 24, 2012, Moore e-mailed Respondent to express her frustration in trying to reach her office since April.

13. On July 9, 2012, Respondent e-mailed defense counsel and requested a two week continuance of the pending motion to compel explaining that she had only recently reconnected with her client who had moved out of state.

14. Respondent failed to oppose the motion and filed no motion on her own behalf to be relieved as counsel. As a result, the Court granted defendant's motion on July 12, 2012, and ordered discovery responses to be served by the plaintiffs no later than July 23, 2012.

15. On July 26, 2012, the Case Management Conference was conducted. Respondent failed to appear. The court ordered Respondent to properly serve and join all party defendants no later than December 6, 2012, and to also meet and confer with defense counsel to select a trial date and Mandatory Settlement Conference date within sixty days of January 3, 2013. Respondent received the court's order.

16. Respondent failed to respond to the court ordered discovery, resulting in the filing of a terminating sanction motion by defense counsel on August 3, 2012.

17. On August 10, 2012, Respondent shared the motion with Moore via e-mail and noted that their response to the motion was due no later than August 24, 2012. In her message, Respondent failed to explain that Moore's lawsuit could be dismissed if no response was provided pursuant to the July 12, 2012, order.

18. Respondent failed to oppose the motion and failed to appear at the hearing on terminating sanctions. The requested relief was granted September 6, 2012, the court finding an abuse of the discovery process. In addition, the court ordered an award of \$780 in sanctions from plaintiffs payable to defense counsel by September 20, 2012. As a result of the above conduct, *Moore v. Marr* was dismissed on October 22, 2012.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

19. By failing to secure verified discovery responses from her clients and serve them on opposing counsel in timely fashion; by failing to oppose a motion to strike the allegations of punitive

and exemplary damages; by failing to appear at a case management conference conducted July 26, 2012; by failing to appear at the hearing of the motion to strike the allegations of punitive and exemplary damages on March 27, 2012; and by failing to oppose or appear at the hearing on either the motion to compel discovery responses on July 12, 2012, or the motion for terminating sanctions on September 6, 2012, Respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform legal services with competence in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A).]

20. By failing to keep Respondent's clients, Marcus Wakefield and Tamera Moore, reasonably informed of the following:

- a. that they were required to provide verified discovery responses in timely fashion;
- b. that the failure to provide verified discovery responses in timely fashion would result in a motion to compel responses seeking sanctions for discovery abuse;
- c. that the court ordered that verified discovery responses must be served upon defense counsel no later than July 23, 2012;
- d. that if no verified discovery responses were served upon defense counsel by July 23, 2012, that a motion for terminating sanctions could follow;
- e. that a motion for terminating sanctions could result in the court ordering the action dismissed and assessing monetary sanctions for discovery abuse;
- f. that the motion for terminating sanctions was unopposed and granted on September 6, 2012; and
- g. that a judgment of dismissal was entered in favor of the defendants in the medical malpractice action on October 22, 2012;

Respondent failed to keep his clients reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

21. By failing to take any constructive action on the client's behalf after Respondent had been served with the motions to compel discovery responses and for terminating sanctions, and thereafter failing to oppose or appear at the hearing of either motion, Respondent constructively terminated her employment on June 20, 2012, and failed to take reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice to Respondent's clients, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

## AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Harm (Std. 1.5(f)): Respondent's failure to secure and file timely verified discovery responses, advise the clients of the need for verified discovery responses and her failure to oppose either the motion to compel or for terminating sanctions, ultimately resulted in the entry of a judgment of dismissal against the clients costing them their medical malpractice remedy associated with the death of their infant daughter and caused significant harm to the clients. (*In the Matter of Bach* (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 631, where attorney's loss of client's cause of action constituted significant harm.)

**Multiple Acts of Misconduct (Std. 1.5(b)):** Respondent committed multiple acts of misconduct, specifically violations of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A) [failure to perform], rule 3-700(A)(2) [improper withdrawal from employment] and Business and Professions Code section

6068(m) [failure to communicate significant event]. In the Matter of Conner (Review Dept. 2008) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 93.

## MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

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## Additional Mitigating Circumstances:

**Prefiling Stipulation:** Respondent has stipulated to misconduct and thereby demonstrated her cooperation with the State Bar and saved the State Bar's resources. (*Silva-Vidor v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 1071, 1079 [where mitigative credit was given for entering into a stipulation as to facts and culpability].)

## **AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.**

The Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct "set forth a means for determining the appropriate disciplinary sanction in a particular case and to ensure consistency across cases dealing with similar misconduct and surrounding circumstances." (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.1. All further references to Standards are to this source.) The Standards help fulfill the primary purposes of discipline, which include: protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; maintenance of the highest professional standards; and preservation of public confidence in the legal profession. (See std. 1.1; *In re Morse* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 184, 205.)

Although not binding, the standards are entitled to "great weight" and should be followed "whenever possible" in determining level of discipline. (*In re Silverton* (2005) 36 Cal.4th 81, 92, quoting *In re Brown* (1995) 12 Cal.4th 205, 220 and *In re Young* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 257, 267, fn. 11.) Adherence to the standards in the great majority of cases serves the valuable purpose of eliminating disparity and assuring consistency, that is, the imposition of similar attorney discipline for instances of similar attorney misconduct. (*In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 190.) If a recommendation is at the high end or low end of a Standard, an explanation must be given as to how the recommendation was reached. (Std. 1.1.) "Any disciplinary recommendation that deviates from the Standards must include clear reasons for the departure." (Std. 1.1; *Blair v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 762, 776, fn. 5.)

In determining whether to impose a sanction greater or less than that specified in a given standard, in addition to the factors set forth in the specific standard, consideration is to be given to the primary purposes of discipline; the balancing of all aggravating and mitigating circumstances; the type of misconduct at issue; whether the client, public, legal system or profession was harmed; and the member's willingness and ability to conform to ethical responsibilities in the future. (Stds. 1.7(b) and (c).)

In this matter, Respondent admits to committing three acts of professional misconduct. Standard 1.7(a) requires that where a Respondent "commits two or more acts of misconduct and the Standards specify different sanctions for each act, the most severe sanction must be imposed."

The most severe sanction applicable to Respondent's misconduct is found in standard 2.15, which applies to Respondent's violation of rule 3-700(A)(2). Standard 2.15 provides that actual suspension not to exceed three years or reproval is appropriate for a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct not otherwise specified in the Standards.

The magnitude of the misconduct is significant. In this matter, Respondent's conduct in repeatedly failing to perform competently and keep her clients advised of pertinent and critical requirements necessary to their best interests in promoting a successful resolution of their malpractice claim, constitutes significant harm. Respondent initially failed to appreciate the gravity of a failure to comply with discovery obligations and did nothing constructive to address this issue or advise her clients of the serious ramifications associated with a failure to serve verified discovery responses in timely fashion. Rather, Respondent acquiesced in allowing a motion to compel discovery responses to go unopposed. Nothing was done to bring to the court's attention the alleged problems Respondent was experiencing in communicating with her clients or securing their necessary imput and feedback to accomplish their discovery obligations. Nor did Respondent do anything to impress upon her clients the critical need to cooperate and facilitate discovery responses and the adverse consequences such failure may have potentially upon the litigation.

Respondent failed to oppose the motion for terminating sanctions, after she ignored the deadline for serving and filing verified discovery responses by July 23, 2012, as court ordered. Respondent failed to appear at the hearing. At no time did Respondent explore or pursue a motion to withdraw as counsel of record based upon an alleged failure to communicate and cooperate with respect to these discovery obligations. In essence, Respondent consciously chose to constructively abandon her clients and allow judgment of dismissal to be entered against them without advising them either before or after the fact. As a result of this misconduct, the client's cause of action was lost. The loss of the client's wrongful death case is what merits actual suspension.

Therefore, this matter warrants a thirty day actual suspension, two year stayed suspension and two years of probation. The discipline is consistent with case law. (*Layton v State Bar* (1991) 50 Cal. 3<sup>rd</sup> 889 [30 day actual for failure to use reasonable diligence to accomplish employed objectives, failure to perform competently; in mitigation no prior record in 30 years of practice and the current misconduct did not evidence a pattern; there were no aggravating factors]; *Bach v State Bar* (1991) 52 Cal. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1201 [single client matter with failure to perform competently, improper withdrawal, failure to refund unearned fees and failure to cooperate resulting in 30 day actual; in aggravation R refused to participate in mandatory fee arbitration and denied responsibility for the anxiety and inconvenience visited upon client; mitigation consisted of 20 years discipline free practice]).

## COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of November 20, 2014, the prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$3,349. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

## **EXCLUSION FROM MCLE CREDIT**

Pursuant to rule 3201, Respondent may <u>not</u> receive MCLE credit for completion of State Bar Ethics School, State Bar Client Trust Accounting School, and/or any other educational course to be ordered as a condition of reproval or suspension. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

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	SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES			
By their signatures below, the recitations and each of the t	e parties and their c rms and conditions	ounsel, as applicable of this Stipulation Re	e, signify their agreement with e Facts, Conclusions of Law, a	each of the and Disposition.
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## ACTUAL SUSPENSION ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- All Hearing dates are vacated.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)

2-22-14

Date

GEORGE E. SCOTT, JUDGE PRO TEM 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 Los Angeles, on December 22, 2014, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

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

ANTHONY P. RADOGNA LAW OFFICES OF ANTHONY RADOGNA 1 PARK PLZ STE 600 IRVINE, CA 92614

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

HUGH RADIGAN, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on December 22, 2014.

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