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STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of:

DENNIS LYNN WRIGHT. NO 60210

A Member of the State Bar

) Case No. 14-N-03010

) **RESPONSE OF DENNIS WRIGHT TO**  
) **NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

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I, Dennis Lynn Wright, respond to the notice of disciplinary charges in this matter and declare as follows:

1. On July 1, 2014, The State Bar of California filed Notice of Disciplinary charges for my alleged willful non-compliance with the 9.20 order of February 13, 2014. On June 20, 2013 I was sent a two page letter from Susan Anderson, Senior Trial Counsel for the State Bar; see Exhibit "A" attached hereto. In that letter in paragraph two on the first page she states that I had not yet complied with the 9.20 order and unless a pre-filing settlement could be reached, disciplinary charges would be filed. I was extremely perplexed and upset by this letter. On June 13, 7 days earlier, I had sent Ms. Anderson and the State Bar by mail to its Los Angeles office proof of compliance. See Exhibit "B" attached hereto. I spoke with Ms. Anderson and asked why she was proceeding, and we discussed the fact that I had not received the 9.20 order at all [see below] and that I had already complied. I stressed that the State Bar already had my only address, that I had not received the notice at all, and that I had already sent her a

1 copy of the completed 9.20 form. She said she would get back to me. Two weeks later I received the  
2 Notice of Disciplinary Charges.

3 2. The 9.20 Order was sent to my old law office address in San Rafael, CA. I was told this by  
4 Ms. Anderson. I do not know the date that it was sent since the proof of service is not attached to the  
5 Order, Exhibit 1 of the disciplinary charges. The Order was not sent to my home address in Mill Valley.  
6 I stopped practicing law as of July 1, 2013, pursuant to my agreement with the state bar court. I closed  
7 my office at that time. I had no clients left at that time. I assume that the State Bar 9.20 notice was sent  
8 back to the state bar since I had not had an office in San Rafael for over 7 months.

9 3. On February 1, 2014 I no longer had a home, and was couch surfing until February 18, 2014  
10 when I found a place to live. Prior to that time, the State Bar of California knew my home address and  
11 knew that I had stopped practicing law as of July 1, 2014. I received multiple state bar documents at my  
12 old home address on Morning Sun Avenue, Mill Valley prior to the time I had to move out [2/1/14]. On  
13 February 18, 2014, I sent an email to Manuel Jimenez, the State Bar Prosecutor on the Turner Case  
14 informing him that my new address was 228 Belle Avenue, San Rafael, CA. 94901. See copy of email  
15 attached hereto as Exhibit "C". On that date, the State Bar had my new address. I did not willfully not  
16 comply with the 9.20 Order, and complied as soon as I was informed of it.

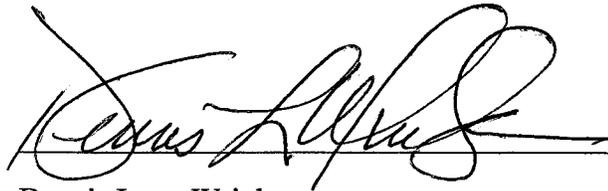
17 4. When last in Court, and in my email to Ms. Anderson of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 states, I emphatically  
18 stated I can no longer deal with State Bar prosecution. The last round on the Turner matter left me in  
19 suicidal mode to an extent that I was within hours of doing so. I had to call on family and AA friends to  
20 help me through a very dark moment. I cannot afford to get psychological treatment; the "free" facilities  
21 no longer exist. Just preparing this document has presented extreme sadness and has been almost  
22 impossible to do. It is not that I do not care, but just the opposite, and dealing with this continual assault  
23 upon my "failures" has left me paralyzed at times and unable to "timely" reply. I am who I am, and this  
24 has gone on since December 5, 2010. There is only so much I can handle. Now, I am being prosecuted  
25 for not turning in a form I was not sent, and being told that despite the fact that the State Bar had my  
26 current address, and despite the fact that I received documents at my old home address, that I have failed  
27 to comply because I did not change my legal address with the state bar-this even though I had no legal  
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1 address as an attorney since July of last year. When is this all going to end? What happened to a  
2 modicum of respect and leniency for the 38 years of practicing law without disciplinary charges? Now  
3 the State Bar wants to disbar me for this latest "failure."

4 5. I have a part-time job at a nursery and will have to take off work to be at the hearing on  
5 Monday. I have no car so I will bus it, but I would hope this is that last of these proceedings against me.  
6 I can not afford to miss the little work I can get, and would rather not go back into such deep depression  
7 caused by any contact with the State Bar.

8 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
9 is true and correct.

10 Dated: August 1, 2014

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14 Dennis Lynn Wright

**EXHIBIT "A"**



THE STATE BAR  
OF CALIFORNIA

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June 20, 2014

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dennis L. Wright  
228 Belle Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
Case Number: 14-N-03010  
Complainant: State Bar Investigation

Dear Mr. Wright:

This letter is sent to you based upon information that you are not currently represented by counsel in this matter. If this is incorrect, please advise me within five days so that future communications may be directed to your counsel by completing the enclosed "Notice of Designation to Receive Service" form.

On February 13, 2014, the Supreme Court of California issued Order number S215092, ordering you to comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20. To date, you have not complied with that order and unless a pre-filing settlement is reached, a Notice of Disciplinary Charges ("NDC") will be filed. The NDC will allege acts of misconduct including, but not limited to, a violation of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20. The filing of a NDC commences formal, public disciplinary proceedings against you before the State Bar Court. If public discipline is imposed, disciplinary costs will be assessed against you.

If you are interested in resolving this matter before disciplinary charges are filed, you may request an Early Neutral Evaluation Conference ("ENEC") conducted by a State Bar Court Judge. A copy of Rule 5.30, Rules of Procedure, is enclosed. To request an ENEC, you must return the enclosed form to the Court within ten calendar days from the date of this letter and provide me with a copy of your ENEC request. To ensure timely receipt of your ENEC request, please fax the enclosed form to the State Bar Court using the fax number on the form.

The Court will conduct the ENEC within 15 days of the request. If you do not request an ENEC with the Court within 10 days, I will assume that you are not requesting an ENEC and disciplinary charges may be filed without further notice to you.

You may have access to, and an opportunity to copy, all non-privileged materials and any exculpatory evidence within the State Bar's investigation file(s). If you want copies of these documents, you must also request them within ten days of the date of this letter to have them available before the ENEC. If

Dennis L. Wright

June 20, 2014

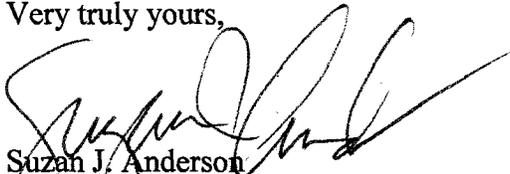
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you do not request an ENEC but want copies of these documents, you will be provided with copies in a timely fashion.

Finally, as you may be aware, the State Bar of California now has a Lawyer Assistance Program ("LAP") to assist attorneys who have drug, alcohol or mental health conditions. The toll free number is (866) 436-6644; a LAP brochure is enclosed for your information and review. The State Bar Court also has a program to address misconduct that arises from drug, alcohol or mental health problems. (Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, at rules 5.380-5.389; see also [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov), at hyperlinks: Attorney Resources, State Bar Court - Procedures, Programs & Rules). We provide this information to all respondents in disciplinary proceedings, in the event it may be useful to them, and do not intend to imply that you have need of these programs.

If you wish to discuss this matter informally with me either instead of or prior to the ENEC, my direct dial number is noted at the top of this letter. Please note that you must still submit a request for an ENEC (on the enclosed form) to preserve your right to an ENEC even if you wish to discuss this matter with me informally.

Very truly yours,



Suzan J. Anderson  
Senior Trial Counsel

SJA/mm

Enclosures

Notice of Designation to Receive Service

Rule 5.30

ENEC Request form

LAP information

**EXHIBIT "B"**



D.L. Wright <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

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**Dennis Wright-copy of 9.20 form sent to L.A. Bar**

1 message

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**D.L. Wright** <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 13, 2014 at 8:24  
AM

To: "Anderson, Suzan" <Suzan.Anderson@calbar.ca.gov>

Ms. Anderson. Attached is a copy of the 9.20 form. Hopefully this will finish my contact with the state bar. I truly cannot deal with anymore contact. This alone has disrupted by mental stability severly.  
Dennis Wright

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 **state bar 9.20 form.pdf**  
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D.L. Wright <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

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**Dennis Wright- 9.20 form**

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**Anderson, Suzan** <Suzan.Anderson@calbar.ca.gov>

Fri, Jun 13, 2014 at  
9:57 AM

To: "D.L. Wright" <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

Thank you Mr. Wright. I did receive both. I will let you know where we need to go from here. S. Anderson

**From:** D.L. Wright [mailto:dlwrightlaw@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2014 8:28 AM

**To:** Anderson, Suzan

**Subject:** Dennis Wright- 9.20 form

Ms. Anderson. Attached is the 9.20 form. not sure you got the first one. Dennis Wright

**State Bar Court**

Counsel for Respondent: <b>In Pr Per</b>	Case Number(s): <b>13-0-14632</b>	For Court's Use Only:
In the Matter of  A Member of the State Bar of California	<b>RULE 9.20 COMPLIANCE DECLARATION</b>	

I, **Dennis Wright**, State Bar member number **60210**, have been ordered to comply with the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (c) of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, as part of a suspension ordered by the State Bar Court or Supreme Court, or an order of disbarment or an order accepting my resignation by the Supreme Court.

[Answer each question by checking one box per question. If neither option is correct, attach a declaration under penalty of perjury explaining your situation.]

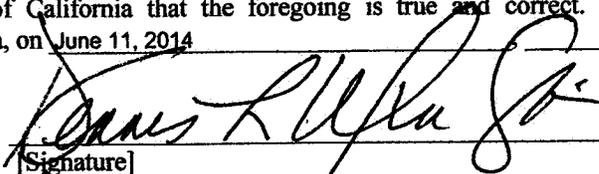
Within 30 days of the effective date of the order of suspension/disbarment/acceptance of resignation ("effective date"): (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court):

1.  I notified all clients and co-counsel, in matters that were pending on the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, of my consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of the order of suspension/disbarment, and in those cases where I had no co-counsel, I urged the clients to seek legal advice elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking another attorney.
- As of the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed, I had no clients.
2.  I delivered to all clients any papers or other property to which the clients were entitled, or notified clients and co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property could be obtained, and called attention to any urgency for obtaining the papers or other property.
- As of the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed, I had no papers or other property to which clients were entitled.
3.  I refunded fees paid, any part of which had not been earned.
- As of the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed, I had earned all fees paid to me.
4.  I notified all opposing counsel or adverse parties not represented by counsel in matters that were pending on the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, of my disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of my suspension, disbarment, or the Supreme Court's acceptance of my resignation, and filed a copy of my notice to opposing counsel/adverse parties with the court, agency or tribunal before which litigation was pending for inclusion in its files.
- As of the date upon which the order to comply with rule 9.20 was filed, I did not represent any clients in pending matters.
5.  In the future, communications may be directed to me at the following address: 228 Belle Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

[If this is not your current State Bar membership address, this declaration will change your membership address. See Bus. & Prof. Code §6002.1(b)]

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at San Rafael, California, on June 11, 2014

**Wilful failure to comply with the provisions of rule 9.20 may result in revocation of probation; suspension; disbarment; denial of reinstatement; or, contempt or conviction.**

  
 [Signature]  
DENNIS L WRIGHT  
 (Print Name)

**EXHIBIT "C"**



D.L. Wright <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

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**Respondent Dennis Wright (13-O-14632)**

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D.L. Wright <dlwrightlaw@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2014 at 4:03 PM

To: "Jimenez, Manuel" <Manuel.Jimenez@calbar.ca.gov>

Mr. Jimenez. My phone number is 415. 246. 9858 (you called the wrong number and left a message for me with someone else) and my new address is 228 Belle Street, San Rafael, CA 94903. I did not have an address until a few days ago. I could not longer afford to live at my old place and have been couch surfing for several weeks. As a suspended attorney, I cannot find a job in the legal field. I now have a permanent address. Please give me a few more weeks to respond to Mr. Turner's statements. I believe this is all about money he says he gave me that I did not work for. I will respond as best I can within the two week period. Thank you for your patience.  
Dennis Wright

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