

State Bar Court of California Hearing Department San Francisco ACTUAL SUSPENSION		
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Bar # 149481 In Pro Per Respondent Wendell Jamon Jones Law Offices of Wendell Jones 910 E. Hamilton Ave., Ste 100 Campbell, CA 95008		FILED DEC 0 3 2014 STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO
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Bar # 202302	STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING	
In the Matter of: WENDELL JAMON JONES	ACTUAL SUSPENSION	
Bar # 202302	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 July 19, 1999.
- (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 13 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".
- (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.
 - Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: **two billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court 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) \square Prior record of discipline
 - (a) X State Bar Court case # of prior case 12-0-15885;12-0-16465;13-0-11273.
 - (b) Date prior discipline effective October 4, 2014
 - (c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: **Business and Professions Code, sections** 6103 [failure to abide by court order, (two counts)]; 6068(o)(3) [failure to report sanctions, (two counts)]; 6068(m) [failure to communicate]; 6068(c) [maintaining an unjust action]; 6106 [committing an act involving moral turpitude]; Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A) [failure to perform with competence].
 - (d) Degree of prior discipline one year of suspension, stayed, two years of probation, and ninety (90) days of actual suspension.
 - (e) If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.
- (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, page 10.

- (5) Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.
- (6) **Lack of Cooperation:** Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her 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, page 10.
- (8) **Restitution:** Respondent failed to make restitution. See Attachment, page 10.
- (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.

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(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.
Addi	tiona	I mitigating circumstances:
	Pi	refiling Stipulation, See Attachment, page 11.
D. D	isci	pline:

- (1) X Stayed Suspension:
 - (a) Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **one year**.
 - 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) I The above-referenced suspension is stayed.
- (2) \boxtimes **Probation**:

Respondent must be placed on probation for a period of **two 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) Actual Suspension:
 - (a) Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of **ninety (90) days**
 - 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:

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) \square The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:

Substance Abuse Conditions Law Office Management 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**:

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Financial Conditions

a. Restitution

Respondent must pay restitution (including the principal amount, plus interest of 10% per annum) to the payee(s) listed below. If the Client Security Fund ("CSF") has reimbursed one or more of the payee(s) for all or any portion of the principal amount(s) listed below, Respondent must also pay restitution to CSF in the amount(s) paid, plus applicable interest and costs.

Payee	Principal Amount	Interest Accrues From	
Erika and Rodolfo Hernandez	\$2,500.00	September 10, 2013	
Sergio Oseguera	\$595.00	August 24, 2013	

Respondent must pay above-referenced restitution and provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation not later than **sixty (60) days prior to conclusion of probationary period**.

b. Installment Restitution Payments

Respondent must pay the above-referenced restitution on the payment schedule set forth below. Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation with each quarterly probation report, or as otherwise directed by the Office of Probation. No later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the period of probation (or period of reproval), Respondent must make any necessary final payment(s) in order to complete the payment of restitution, including interest, in full.

Payee/CSF (as applicable)	Minimum Payment Amount	Payment Frequency	
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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.

c. Client Funds Certificate

- 1. If Respondent possesses client funds at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly report, Respondent must file with each required report a certificate from Respondent and/or a certified public accountant or other financial professional approved by the Office of Probation, certifying that:
 - a. Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California, at a branch located within the State of California, and that such account is designated as a "Trust Account" or "Clients' Funds Account";

- b. Respondent has kept and maintained the following:
 - i. A written ledger for each client on whose behalf funds are held that sets forth:
 - 1. the name of such client;
 - 2. the date, amount and source of all funds received on behalf of such client;
 - 3. the date, amount, payee and purpose of each disbursement made on behalf of such client; and,
 - 4. the current balance for such client.
 - ii. a written journal for each client trust fund account that sets forth:
 - 1. the name of such account;
 - 2. the date, amount and client affected by each debit and credit, and,
 - 3. the current balance in such account.
 - iii. all bank statements and cancelled checks for each client trust account; and,
 - iv. each monthly reconciliation (balancing) of (i), (ii), and (iii), above, and if there are any differences between the monthly total balances reflected in (i), (ii), and (iii), above, the reasons for the differences.
- c. Respondent has maintained a written journal of securities or other properties held for clients that specifies:
 - i. each item of security and property held;
 - ii. the person on whose behalf the security or property is held;
 - iii. the date of receipt of the security or property;
 - iv. the date of distribution of the security or property; and,
 - v. the person to whom the security or property was distributed.
- If Respondent does not possess any client funds, property or securities during the entire period covered by a report, Respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Office of Probation for that reporting period. In this circumstance, Respondent need not file the accountant's certificate described above.
- 3. The requirements of this condition are in addition to those set forth in rule 4-100, Rules of Professional Conduct.

d. Client Trust Accounting School

Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must supply to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School Client Trust Accounting School, within the same period of time, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.

ATTACHMENT TO

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: WENDELL JAMON JONES

CASE NUMBERS: 14-O-00876; 14-O-03242

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

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

Case No. 14-O-00876 (Complainant: Erika and Rodolfo Hernandez)

FACTS:

1. On September 5, 2013, Erika and Rodolfo Hernandez ("the Hernandezes") hired respondent to assist them with a loan modification for their primary residence. Erika Hernandez signed an attorneyclient fee agreement on that date. On September 8, 2013, the Hernandezes met respondent at his office to discuss their representation. On September 10, 2013, the Hernandezes paid respondent \$2,500.

2. Respondent's fee agreement was entitled a "Legal Consultation Agreement." The fee agreement specified that the Hernandezes would pay an initial \$2,500 consultation fee, and once the Hernandezes received the modification conditions of the loan, respondent would charge the Hernandezes an additional \$2,995. The fee agreement also indicated that the Hernandezes would be reimbursed for \$1,250 of the initial 'consultation fee' (\$2,500) which the Hernandezes had paid, in the event that the loan modification request did not receive a written approval by the prospective agent or loan entity of the mortgage loan of their residence.

3. On September 30, 2013, respondent submitted a modification packet to the Hernandezes' lender, Nationstar Mortgage.

4. On October 2, 2013, respondent determined that the modification packet submitted to Nationstar Mortgage had not been received. On October 9, 2013, the Hernandezes residence was sold through foreclosure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

5. By collecting \$2,500 from the Hernandezes before respondent had fully performed each and every loan modification service respondent had been contracted to perform and represented to the client that respondent would perform, respondent violated Civil Code, section 2944.7, and thereby wilfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6106.3.

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Case No. 14-O-03242 (Complainant: Sergio Oseguera)

FACTS:

6. On August 24, 2013, Sergio Oseguera ("Oseguera") hired respondent to assist him with a loan modification for his primary residence. Oseguera signed an attorney-client fee agreement on that date. On August 24, 2013, Oseguera paid respondent \$2,995.

7. Respondent's fee agreement was entitled a "Legal Consultation Agreement." The fee agreement specified that Oseguera would pay an initial \$2,500 consultation fee, and that once Oseguera received the modification conditions of the loan, respondent would charge Oseguera an additional \$2,995. The fee agreement also indicated that Oseguera would be reimbursed \$1,500 of his 'initial consultation fee' (\$2,995) which Oseguera had paid, in the event that the loan modification request did not receive a written approval by the prospective agent or loan entity of the mortgage loan of their residence.

8. In November, 2013, while respondent was still in the process of collecting financial information from Oseguera, Oseguera terminated his services.

9. On September 30, 2014, after the State Bar investigation of this matter, respondent refunded \$2,400 to Oseguera.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

10. By collecting \$2,995 from Oseguera before respondent had fully performed each and every loan modification service respondent had been contracted to perform and represented to the client that respondent would perform, respondent violated Civil Code, section 2944.7, and thereby wilfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6106.3.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Prior Record of Discipline (Std. 1.5(a)): On September 4, 2014, the Supreme Court issued order no. S219304 which suspended respondent for one year, stayed the suspension, and placed respondent on probation for two years. Probation conditions included ninety days actual suspension. Respondent stipulated to violations of Business and Professions Code, sections 6103 [failure to abide by court order, (two counts)]; 6068(o)(3) [failure to report sanctions, (two counts)]; 6068(m) [failure to communicate]; 6068(c) [maintaining an unjust action]; 6106 [committing an act involving moral turpitude]; and Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A) [failure to perform with competence]. The events which gave rise to the misconduct in the prior disciplinary matter occurred in 2011 and 2012.

Harm (Std. 1.5(f)): Each client was harmed because they were deprived of use of their funds prior to respondent's completion of services, in violation of the law.

Multiple Acts of Misconduct (Std. 1.5(b)): Respondent committed misconduct in two client matters, and therefore committed two acts of misconduct.

Additional Aggravating Circumstances:

Failure to Make Restitution (Std. 1.5(i)): Respondent has not reimbursed each client the full amount of the illegal fees in this matter.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Additional Mitigating Circumstances:

Prefiling Stipulation: Respondent entered into a stipulation prior to the filing of a Notice of Disciplinary Charges. (*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).)

The sanction applicable to respondent's misconduct is found in Standard 2.3(b), which applies to respondent's violations of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.3. Standard 2.3(b) provides that suspension or reproval is appropriate for entering into an agreement for, charging, or collecting an illegal fee for legal services. In each of these two cases, respondent charged upfront fees, \$2,500 in the Hernandez case, and \$2,995 in the Oseguera case, for loan modification work. Respondent sought to distinguish his services from loan modification work by describing his fee agreement as a 'Legal Consultation Fee'. Both of respondent's clients were seeking a modification, paid with the intent to obtain a modification, and were assured a refund of a portion of respondent's fee if the modification was not obtained. Respondent's fee agreement does not comport with Civil Code section 2944.7, as it amounts to upfront fees for loan modification work. Respondent's effort at unbundling and trying to charge for the consultation as a separate fee was a misguided effort to avoid the prophylactic measures of Civil Code section 2944.7. Respondent made a business decision to implement a new business model

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for operating his law practice in a manner that subverted the clear public protection purposes of Civil Code, section 2944.7. (*In the Matter of Taylor* (2012) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 221).

In the Hernandez case, respondent was hired shortly before foreclosure. Respondent prepared and faxed a loan modification packet to the bank, but when, a few days later, he sought to confirm receipt, the bank reported that it had not received the modification packet, and the bank foreclosed. These events all occurred in less than two weeks. In the Oseguera case, respondent started preparing the documents, but was terminated before he could submit them to the bank. Neither client obtained a loan modification through respondent's efforts.

In aggravation, respondent committed multiple acts of misconduct because there are two client matters. He also caused significant harm because impecunious clients were deprived of their fees. (In the Matter of Huang (2014) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 296). Respondent recently received discipline of ninety (90) days actual suspension for misconduct which he committed in 2011 and 2012. The improper fee agreements in this case were executed in August and September 2013, which predates the stipulation to misconduct in the prior disciplinary matter. (The parties executed the stipulation in the prior matter in April 2014 and the Supreme Court issued the disciplinary order in September 2014). Under a Sklar analysis (In the Matter of Sklar (1993) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 602), it is appropriate to take into account the current disciplinary matters along with the matters that were subject to the recent prior discipline for a complete discipline analysis. The combined discipline analysis, taking into account respondent's recent ninety-day suspension, and the current misconduct, which pre-dates the stipulation in the prior discipline, warrants an additional ninety (90) days of actual suspension in the current matter. Discipline of one year of suspension, stayed, two years of probation, including ninety (90) days of actual suspension, and until restitution, is warranted to protect the public and the profession. Recent case law shows a discipline range of six months to two years actual for 6103.6 violations. In the Matter of Swazi Taylor (2012) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 221 (six months of actual suspension for violations of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.6 in eight client matters); In the Matter of Huang (2014) 5 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 296 (two years actual suspension for violations of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.6 in eight client matters). Here, respondent is receiving ninety (90) days of actual suspension for two client matters, which when considered with the prior discipline would be six months actual suspension for five matters.

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of October 21, 2014, the prosecution costs in this matter are \$2,992. 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. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

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SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

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Date ^r	Réspondent's Signature	Print Name
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
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Date	Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	Print Name

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STAYED 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.

On page 5 of the stipulation, paragraph E(8) is MODIFIED to read in its entirety as follows: "No Ethics School Recommended. Reason: Respondent is already required to attend and pass Ethics School as a condition of the disciplinary probation that was imposed on him in the Supreme Court's September 4, 2014 order in case number S219304 (State Bar Court case number 12 O 15885, etc.). (See Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.135(A).)"

On page 5 and 6 of the stipulation, paragraph F(1) is MODIFIED to read in its entirety as follows: "No MPRE recommended. Reason: Respondent was recently ordered to take and pass the MPRE in the Supreme Court's September 4, 2014 order in case number S219304 (State Bar Court case number 12 O 15885, etc.). If respondent fails to take and pass the MPRE as previously ordered, he will be suspended from the practice of law until he does so. (See Segretti v. State Bar (1976) 15 Cal.3d 878, 891, fn. 8; see also Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b); Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.162.)"

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.)

2014 3 Date

PAT E. MCELROY Judge of the State Bar Court

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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 San Francisco, on December 3, 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 San Francisco, California, addressed as follows:

WENDELL J. JONES LAW OFC WENDELL JONES 910 E HAMILTON AVE STE 100 CAMPBELL, CA 95008

by certified mail, No. , with return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service at , California, addressed as follows:

by overnight mail at , California, addressed as follows:

by fax transmission, at fax number . No error was reported by the fax machine that I used.

By personal service by leaving the documents in a sealed envelope or package clearly labeled to identify the attorney being served with a receptionist or a person having charge of the attorney's office, addressed as follows:

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

Robin Brune, Enforcement, San Francisco

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