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11 In the Matter of: 12 ALEXANDRA RUBY EPAND, 13 No. 191733, 14 A Member of the State Bar)))))	Case No. 14-O-03877 NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
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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.**



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Alexandra Ruby Epand (“Respondent”) was admitted to the practice of law in the
4 State of California on December 4, 1997, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges,
5 and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 14-O-03877
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1-300(B)
[Unauthorized Practice of Law in Other Jurisdiction]

9 2. From on or about March 6, 2014 through on or about March 19, 2014, Respondent
10 practiced law in North Carolina by advising Michael Talbot (“Talbot”) as to prospective
11 remedies and strategies to be explored in his defense of an action for breach of a promissory
12 note, contacting plaintiff’s attorney to secure information concerning the underlying dispute,
13 reviewing, analyzing and reporting to Talbot the results of her documentary review, determining
14 the time and manner of service of the summons/complaint upon Talbot, securing an extension on
15 behalf of Talbot to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint , and accepting a retainer of
16 \$2,500 for legal services, when to do so was in violation of the regulations of the profession in
17 North Carolina, namely N.C. Gen. Stat. sections 84-2.1, 4, and 5, in willful violation of the Rules
18 of Professional Conduct, rule 1-300(B).

19 COUNT TWO

20 Case No. 14-O-03877
21 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-200(A)
[Illegal Fee]

22 3. On or about March 7, 2014, Respondent charged, and/or collected from Michael
23 Talbot a fee of \$2,500 to perform legal services that was illegal because the services were
24 performed in North Carolina, a jurisdiction where Respondent was not admitted to practice, in
25 willful violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-200(A).

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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 February 24 '15 By: Hugh G. Radigan
Hugh G. Radigan
Deputy Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by

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CASE NUMBER(s): **14-O-03877**

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, CA 90017-2515, 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))**
- 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 Los Angeles.
- By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))**
- I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ("UPS").
- By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))**
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Alexandra R. Epend	20207 Bascom Ridge Dr Cornelius, NC 28031	Electronic Address	

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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: February 24, 2015

SIGNED:



JULI FINNILA
Declarant