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STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of	
JONATHAN EDWARD ROBERTS,	

A Member of the State Bar, No. 166043.

Case No. 14-O-05631 (S229463)

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO TAKE AND PASS THE MPRE; ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY DISCIPLINARY COSTS

On January 4, 2017, respondent Jonathan Edward Roberts (Respondent) filed a motion requesting an extension of time to take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and requesting an extension of time to pay disciplinary costs. Respondent requested that he be granted an extension of time to pay his disciplinary costs due to financial hardship as follows: one-half in January 2018 and one-half in January 2019. Regarding the MPRE, Respondent requested an extension to April 28, 2017, to take and pass the MPRE to be given on March 18, 2017, due, among other things, to his financial and health difficulties. Respondent took the November 5, 2016, MPRE but did not obtain a passing score. Respondent intends to take the March 18, 2017 MPRE.

On January 10, 2017, the State Bar's Office of Probation filed an opposition to Respondent's motion for an extension of time to submit proof of his passage of the MPRE.



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On January 11, 2017, the State Bar's Office of Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC) filed a pleading declaring its non-opposition to Respondent's request for additional time to take and pass the MPRE.¹

After reviewing and considering Respondent's motion and the Office of Probation's and OCTC's responsive pleadings, the court issues the following orders:

1. Good cause having been shown, the court **GRANTS** an extension of time for Respondent to comply with the order to pay disciplinary costs. The court orders that Respondent's time to pay the disciplinary costs associated with case No. 14-O-05631 be extended and that one-half of said costs is to be paid with Respondent's annual State Bar membership fees for the years 2018 and 2019. The court further **ORDERS** that if Respondent fails to pay any installment of disciplinary costs within the time provided herein or as may be modified by the State Bar Court pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, subdivision (c), the remaining balance of the costs is due and payable immediately unless relief has been granted under the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.134). The payment of costs remains enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

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¹ At footnote one of the Office of Probation's opposition, the Office of Probation noted that it was not responding to Respondent's motion for an extension of time to pay disciplinary costs, and that the Office of Probation believed that OCTC would respond to the issues with respect to Respondent's costs motion. However, in its non-opposition to Respondent's request for further time to take and pass the MPRE, OCTC noted that its non-opposition did not extend to Respondent's costs motion, and that the Office of Probation previously addressed that part of Respondent's motion. However, neither OCTC nor the Office of Probation substantively addressed Respondent's costs motion in their respective pleading.

2. After thorough consideration, good cause having been shown,² the court **GRANTS** Respondent's request for an extension of time to take and pass the MPRE. Respondent is **ORDERED** to take the MPRE and provide proof of passage of the MPRE to the Office of Probation on or before **April 28, 2017**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The court administrator is directed to serve a copy of this order on respondent by U.S. first-class mail, postage prepaid, to his membership records address and by e-mail to Respondent's membership records e-mail address.

Dated: January <u>23</u>, 2017

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REBECCA MEYER ROSENBERG Judge Pro Tempore of the State Bar Court

² The court notes the Office of Probation's allegations regarding Respondent's noncompliance with probation conditions. Nevertheless, the court finds that Respondent has shown good cause for an extension of time to provide proof to the Office of Probation of his passage of the MPRE. Respondent, however, is cautioned that he must <u>strictly</u> comply with the terms of his probation and failure to do so could result in further disciplinary proceedings.

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 January 23, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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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:

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

WILLIAM S. TODD, Enforcement, Los Angeles TERRIE GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on January 23, 2017.

Mazie Yip Case Administrator State Bar Court