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9 STATE BAR COURT

10 HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

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12 In the Matter of:) Case No. 14-O-06423
13 STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER RONCA,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
No. 183255,)
14)
15 A Member of the State Bar)

16 **NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

17 **IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE**
18 **WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT**
THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:

- 19 (1) **YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
20 (2) **YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU**
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;
21 (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;
22 (4) **YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.**
23 **SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE**
OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN
24 **ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT**
FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,
25 **RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.**



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER RONCA ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of
4 law in the State of California on July 1, 1996, was a member at all times pertinent to these
5 charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE
7 Case No. 14-O-06423
8 Business and Professions Code, section 6106
9 [Moral Turpitude]

10 2. Between on or about April 24, 2014 and October 28, 2014, Respondent made
11 approximately seven electronic withdrawals, transfers or payments from Respondent's client
12 trust account ("CTA") at Heritage Oaks Bank, account no. xxx0123, including the following
13 transactions, when Respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing that there was
14 insufficient funds in the CTA to pay them, and thereby committed an act involving moral
15 turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section
16 6106:

CHECK NO.	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMT.	RETURNED/PAID
17 1283	April 24, 2014	\$2,775.00	Paid
18 1297	June 19, 2014	\$2,767.00	Returned
19 Debit	August 5, 2014	\$3,964.75	Returned
20 Debit	August 13, 2014	\$3,964.75	Returned
21 1291	September 2, 2014	\$3,250.00	Returned
22 1293	October 20, 2014	\$3,084.44	Returned
23 1292	October 28, 2014	\$200.00	Returned

24 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

25 **YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR**
26 **COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**
27 **SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL**
28 **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

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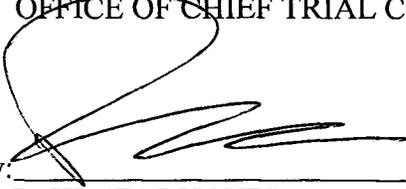
ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.

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 CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL



DATED: 7-25 2016

By: _____
R. KEVIN BUCHER
Senior Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by

U.S. FIRST-CLASS MAIL / U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL / OVERNIGHT DELIVERY / FACSIMILE-ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

CASE NUMBER(s): 14-O-06423

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, California 90017, 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))

- 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 U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))



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))

Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request.



By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person(s) at the electronic addresses listed herein below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.



(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)



(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested,

Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0745 88 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)



(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS,

Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

Person Served via U.S. First-Class & Certified Mail	Business-Residential Address	Fax Number	Courtesy Copy to:
STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER RONCA	Law Ofc Stephen C Ronca Po Box 4806 Sn Luis Obisp, CA 93403	Electronic Address	Law Ofc Stephen C Ronca Po Box 4806 Sn Luis Obisp, CA 93403

via inter-office mail regularly processed and maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

N/A

I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ("UPS"). In the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day, and for overnight delivery, deposited with delivery fees paid or provided for, with UPS that same day.

I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit.

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: July 25, 2016

SIGNED:

Genelle De Luca-Suarez
Declarant