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Suspended Attorney,
Denise M. Zingale

**THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
HEARING DEPARTMENT**

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA,

) Case No.: 15-N-13922

Plaintiff,

) **ANSWER TO NOTICE OF
DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

vs.

DENISE M. ZINGALE,

) DATE: Oct. 13, 2015

) TIME: 10:00 a.m.

) HEARING DEPT., 6th Floor

) EST. TIME: 1 hour

Defendant.

TO THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA HEARING DEPT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

I, Attorney Denise Zingale, declare that I have been suspended from practice for one year, as of June 6, 2015, due in part to my improper supervision of my office manager who was embezzling from my office, representing himself as an attorney and taking client's money without notifying my office. During this time period, beginning last year, several severe circumstances have caused me such tremendous stress that I have been unable to function and properly address the Rule 9.20 requirements – which I finally completed those requirements today- as well as numerous other issues. This suspension has ripped me apart, since during my whole life I have held integrity as a standard in all tasks and actions I have ever done. I was able to hold my head high and help many people. I am now shattered in my profession and personal life which has left me in many broken pieces.

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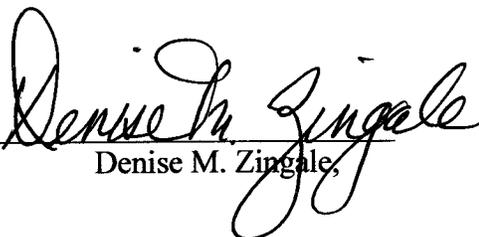


1 Last year my husband became severely ill and also developed dementia and was no longer
2 paying bills, although he indicated he was. As one of the results of this, our medical coverage
3 was dropped, we incurred bills in the thousands for ambulances, hospitalizations and medical
4 treatment. Also, at the same time, our home went into foreclosure, and I still have not been able
5 to get it out; it is due to be sold in October unless I can stop it with a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy.
6 The bills are still out of control, although I was able to get medical coverage back for my
7 husband, in the fall last year, and I finally got medical coverage again in August, 2015. I have
8 diabetes, and with the tremendous stress it also has been uncontrollable for the last year, and as a
9 result I had 5 teeth removed this last year alone!

10 I am presently trying to get a psychiatrist again, as the one I was seeing retired last year. My
11 internist recently referred me since I desperately need medication- in addition to the anti-
12 depressant medications I already take- to help me overcome this horrible stress which just
13 freezes me emotionally, making me unable to complete any stressful tasks, especially those
14 related to my suspension and the foreclosure on our home. I am unable to get another job right
15 now due to this stress, and my husband needs care every day. I have never intentionally, or
16 willfully failed to respond to the requirements of my suspension. Please try to understand that
17 with perhaps a bankruptcy to help keep our small home and the right medications I will be able
18 to function properly again soon. Thank you for your consideration.

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20 I declare under the laws of California and under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and
21 correct.

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23 Dated: Sept 25, 2015

24 By 
Denise M. Zingale

