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# PUBLIC MATTER

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13 In the Matter of: ) Case No. 15-N-15345  
14 THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH, )  
No. 93102, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
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16 A Member of the State Bar. )

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

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

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

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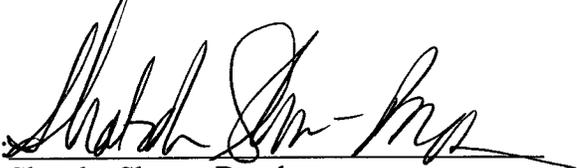
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**NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

**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: April 13, 2016

By: Shataka Shores-Brooks  
Deputy Trial Counsel

(State Bar Court No. 15-PM-10116)

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Frank A. McGuire C

Deputy

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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**In re THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH on Discipline**

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The court orders that the probation of Thomas William Smith, State Bar Number 93102, is revoked. The court further orders that:

1. Thomas William Smith is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of one year, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He makes restitution to Jeffrey Lasse in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus 10 percent interest per year from October 25, 2013 (or reimburses the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the Fund to Jeffrey Lasse, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes satisfactory proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles; and
  - ii. He submits to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of the State Bar's Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
  - iii. If he remains suspended for two years or more as a result of not satisfying the preceding condition, he must provide proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)
2. Thomas William Smith is given credit towards the one year suspension for the period of involuntary inactive enrollment which commenced on February 21, 2015.

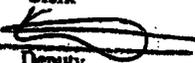
Thomas William Smith must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

I, Frank A. McGuire, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that the preceding is a true copy of an order of this Court as shown by the records of my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of MAY 12 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

By   
Deputy

**CANTIL-SAKAUYE**

*Chief Justice*

