


STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA HEARING DEPARTMENT 845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017-2515	FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY: FILED  JUN - 6 2017 STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES
In the Matter of: SOUSAN ALEMANSOUR, A Member of the State Bar, No. 180216.	Case Nos: 15-O-10928, 15-C-15241 ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL RELIEF FROM COSTS

On May 30, 2017, Respondent filed a motion for complete relief from the remaining portion of the costs owed in the captioned matters. Those costs are stated to be \$19,627.8. The basis for the requested relief is financial hardship. In support of her motion, Respondent attached her own declaration and the required financial statement, which here shows no current income and no significant assets available to pay even current living expenses. This statement does, however, show stocks of an undisclosed value that are described as "subject to ATRO and FL court orders."

On May 31, 2017, the State Bar filed an opposition to the request for complete relief, arguing that Respondent should instead be put on a payment plan with an acceleration clause. "While respondent has graphically portrayed a current dire financial situation, the optimistic hope exists that her situation will improve with time, absent which respondent may again renew her request."

Rule 5.130(B) authorizes this court to grant cost relief for reasons of "hardship," including "financial hardship." Respondent's "dire financial situation" clearly falls within the scope of that authorization. While this court generally supports the optimistic view of the future espoused by the State Bar, it declines to allow such optimism to be the basis for depriving Respondent of the ability to ever return to the practice of law and/or eliminating any likelihood that the State Bar's optimistic hopes for her will ever be realized.

Good cause appearing, the unpaid costs in the captioned matters are hereby reduced to a total sum of \$7,500. In addition, the time for such costs to be paid is extended so that such costs will be due and payable in five equal annual installments, with annual payments of \$1,500 to be paid by Respondent on or before February 1 of the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. If Respondent fails to pay any of the above installment payments more than 10 days after its due date without the prior written approval of the State Bar or the State Bar Court, the remaining unpaid balance of the costs will be due immediately and be enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 5, 2017


DONALD F. MILES
Judge of the State Bar Court

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 June 6, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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HUGH G. RADIGAN, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on June 6, 2017.



Mazie Yip
Case Administrator
State Bar Court