

STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA HEARING DEPARTMENT 845 S. Figueroa Street, 3 rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017-2515	FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY: FILED APR 26 2018 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 (\$237882) ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO PRESENT PROOF OF PASSAGE OF MPRE

On December 26, 2017, Sousan Alemansour (Respondent) filed a motion to extend the time for her to present proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). Respondent at that time had apparently taken the MPRE three times since being ordered to do so but had failed to pass the examination. The deadline for her to present proof of her passage of the examination was at that time January 19, 2018. She sought a one-year extension of that deadline.

On January 2, 2018, the State Bar Office of Probation filed a response to the motion, opposing the request for an extension of time.

On January 8, 2018, this court issued the following order:

Having reviewed the submitted pleadings, the court finds that good cause has been shown to extend the compliance period beyond January 19, 2018, but not for an entire year. Accordingly, Respondent's request for an extension of time is GRANTED but the time in which Respondent may and must present proof to the Office of Probation of her passage of the MPRE is extended only until ten (10) calendar days after the results of the March 24, 2018 MPRE are released.

In the event Respondent takes, but fails to pass, the March 2018 MPRE any resulting further motion seeking an additional extension of time must include: (1) documentary evidence from the National Conference of Bar Examiners (or other entity that sponsored/or administered the MPRE) that Respondent took the MPRE three times in 2017 and in March 2018; and (2) documentary proof that Respondent took a preparatory course for taking the MPRE in 2018 before taking the March 2018 examination.

Respondent took the March 24, 2018 MPRE. The results were released by the National Council of Bar Examiners on April 19, 2018. Respondent failed to receive a passing grade. With a range of possible scores running from 50 to 150 (with the minimum passing grade in California being 86), Respondent received a score of 72 on her fourth attempt to pass the examination. As a result, on April 23, 2018, she filed a second request that this court extend until January 19, 2019, the deadline for her submission of proof of passage of the MPRE. Attached to her motion was

proof that she signed up for a preparatory course prior to taking the March 2018 examination and documentary evidence that she took the MPRE three times in 2017.

On April 25, 2018, the Office of Probation filed an opposition to the motion.

This court is growing increasingly concerned regarding Respondent's inability to pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. That she scored only a 72 on the March 2018 examination, after taking the examination three prior times and after taking a preparatory course, is of particular concern. Passage of the MPRE serves the important purpose, inter alia, of providing this court with some indication that a previously-disciplined attorney now has the knowledge and ability to comply with ethical obligations in the future. Respondent's repeated failures to pass the MPRE may be a portent of just the opposite.

With that warning to Respondent regarding her need to pass the examination, the court finds that good cause has been shown to extend the compliance period so that Respondent may take and seek to pass the MPRE one more time. Accordingly, Respondent's request for an extension of time is GRANTED but the time in which Respondent may and must present proof to the Office of Probation of her passage of the MPRE is extended only until ten (10) calendar days after the results of the August 11, 2018 MPRE are released. Her request that it be extended to January 19, 2019 is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 26, 2018


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 Court Specialist 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 April 26, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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

TERRIE GOLDADE, Probation, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on April 26, 2018.



Marc Krause
Court Specialist
State Bar Court