



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. JOE BURRIS RITCHEY ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the  
4 State of California on May 2, 1972, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is  
5 currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 15-O-11171  
8 Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
9 [Moral Turpitude – Misrepresentation of MCLE Compliance]

10 2. On or about February 2, 2014, respondent falsely reported under the penalty of  
11 perjury to the State Bar that respondent had fully complied with respondent's minimum  
12 continuing legal education ("MCLE") requirements for the period of February 1, 2011 to January  
13 31, 2014, when respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing that respondent had  
14 failed to complete the MCLE requirements for that period, and thereby committed an act  
15 involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of Business and  
16 Professions Code, section 6106.

17 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

18 **YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR  
19 COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE  
20 SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL  
21 THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO  
22 THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN  
23 INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE  
24 ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE  
25 RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.**

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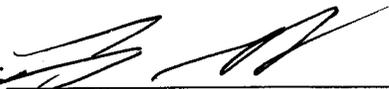
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**IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: October 7, 2015

By:   
HEATHER E. ABELSON  
Deputy Trial Counsel

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**  
**BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL**

CASE NO.: 15-O-11171

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that 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; that 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; that I am aware that on motion of 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; and that 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 San Francisco, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

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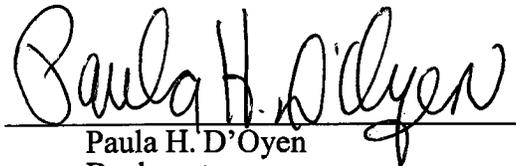
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at San Francisco, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: October 7, 2015

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Paula H. D'Oyen  
Declarant