

1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. DANIEL HIBBARD ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the
4 State of California on December 9, 1988, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges,
5 and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 15-O-11384
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)
[Failure to Maintain Client Funds in Trust Account]

9 2. On or about February 19, 2014, respondent received and deposited on behalf of
10 his client, Nicolas Valenti, settlement funds from AFA Claim Services in the sum of \$15,000
11 payable to respondent and Valenti into his client trust account at Provident Bank, account
12 number *****2640. Of this amount, respondent was required to keep \$1,954 on deposit for
13 Valenti's medical provider. Respondent failed to maintain a balance of \$1,954 on behalf of
14 Valenti in the client trust account, in wilful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-
15 100(A).

16 COUNT TWO

17 Case No. 15-O-11384
18 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(4)
[Failure to Pay Client Funds Promptly]

19 3. On or about February 19, 2014, respondent received and deposited on behalf of
20 his client, Nicolas Valenti, settlement funds from AFA Claim Services in the sum of \$15,000
21 payable to respondent and Valenti into his client trust account at Provident Bank, account
22 number *****2640. Of this amount, respondent was required to keep \$1,954 on deposit for
23 Valenti's medical provider. Respondent failed to pay Valenti's medical provider despite several
24 requests for the funds by Valenti and the medical provider, in wilful violation of Rules of
25 Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(4).

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COUNT THREE

Case No. 15-O-11384
Business and Professions Code, section 6106
[Moral Turpitude]

4. On or about February 19, 2014, respondent received and deposited on behalf of his client, Nicolas Valenti, settlement funds from AFA Claim Services in the sum of \$15,000 payable to respondent and Valenti into his client trust account at Provident Bank, account number *****2640. Of this amount, respondent was required to keep \$1,954 on deposit for Valenti's medical provider. From February 19, 2014 to the present, respondent dishonestly or grossly negligently misappropriated for respondent's own purposes \$1,954 that Valenti was entitled to receive, and thereby committed an act of moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

COUNT FOUR

Case No. 15-O-11384
Business and Professions Code, section 6106
[Moral Turpitude]

5. On or about July 23, 2014, respondent issued check 1007 drawn upon his client trust account at Provident Bank, when respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing that there were insufficient funds in the account to pay them, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

COUNT FIVE

Case No. 15-O-11486
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)
[Failure to Maintain Client Funds in Trust Account]

6. On or about July 26, 2013, respondent received and deposited on behalf of his clients, Robert and Vickie Nibecker, settlement funds from State Farm Insurance company draft 123634915 in the amount of \$12,500 payable to respondent and Robert Nibecker and draft 123634917 in the amount of \$12,500 payable to respondent and Vickie Nibecker into his client trust account at Provident Bank, account number *****2640. On or about July 29, 2013, respondent disbursed \$3,961.68 to Robert Nibecker and \$3,961.68 to Vickie Nibecker.

1 amount of \$15,000 payable to respondent and Robert Nibecker and draft 0006620048 in the
2 amount of \$32,500 into his client trust account at Provident Bank, account number *****2640.
3 On or about December 13, 2013, respondent disbursed \$20,000 by a check written off his client
4 trust account payable to Robert and Vickie Nibecker. On or about December 13, 2013,
5 Respondent was required to maintain \$23,743.64 on deposit in his client trust account on behalf
6 of Robert and Vickie Nibecker in his client trust account.

7 12. Prior to any further payment to Robert or Vickie Nibecker or anyone on their
8 behalf, the balance in respondent's client trust account dropped to \$63.31 on May 31, 2014.
9 Respondent dishonestly or grossly negligently misappropriated for respondent's own purposes
10 funds that the Nibeckers were entitled to receive, and thereby committed an act of moral
11 turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section
12 6106.

13 COUNT EIGHT

14 Case No. 15-O-11486
15 Business and Professions Code, section 6106
16 [Moral Turpitude]

17 13. On several occasions beginning on or about December 13, 2013, respondent made
18 representations to the Nibeckers that he was continuing to negotiate with their medical providers
19 and that he was maintaining the funds needed to pay the providers when he knew these
20 representations were not true when he made them and thereby committed an act involving moral
21 turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in wilful violation of Business and Professions Code, section
22 6106.

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Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: December 9, 2015

By: 
MURRAY B. GREENBERG
Senior Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

CASE NUMBER(s): 15-O-11384; 15-O-11486

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:

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DATED: December 9, 2015

SIGNED:

Sandra Jones signature and name: SANDRA JONES Declarant