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In the Matter of: BETSY ANNE STANSELL, No. 201543, A Member of the State Bar.	Case No. 15-O-11979 NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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

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The State Bar of California alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. Betsy Anne Stansell ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on June 8, 1999, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

COUNT ONE

Case No. 15-O-11979
Business and Professions Code, section 6106
[Moral Turpitude – Misrepresentation of MCLE Compliance]

2. On or about December 12, 2013, respondent falsely reported to the State Bar, under penalty of perjury, that respondent had fully complied with respondent's minimum continuing legal education ("MCLE") requirements for the period of February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2014, when respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing that respondent had failed to complete the MCLE requirements for that period, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6106.

COUNT TWO

Case No. 15-O-11979
Business and Professions Code section 6068(i)
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

3. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending against respondent by failing to provide a substantive response to the State Bar's investigative letters of June 22, 2015 and July 7, 2015, which respondent received, that requested respondent's response to the allegations of misconduct being investigated in case number 15-O-11979, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(i).

NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE

ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.

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: Oct. 9, 2015 By: Sherell N. McFarlane

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): **15-O-11979**

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 90017-2515, declare that:

- on the date shown below, I caused to be served a true copy of the within document described as follows:

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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Betsy Anne Stansell	Stansell & Associates 7111 Seawind Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803	Electronic Address	Betsy Anne Stansell Stanstell & Associates 7111 Seawind Dr. Long Beach, CA 90803

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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 Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: October 9, 2015

SIGNED: Sandra Reynolds
Sandra Reynolds
Declarant