

# PUBLIC MATTER

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In the Matter of: ) Case Nos. 15-O-12479  
STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
No. 132640, )  
A Member of the State Bar )

## 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.



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Steven J. Renshaw ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of  
4 California on December 14, 1987, 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-12479  
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
9 [Failure to Perform with Competence]

10 2. On or about January 20, 2012, Roberta Carreon ("Carreon") employed Respondent to  
11 represent her in a civil action alleging medical malpractice which Respondent intentionally,  
12 recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, by failing to timely retain an expert,  
13 failing to timely advise Carreon of a statutory offer to settle the matter for a waiver of costs in  
14 exchange for a dismissal with prejudice, and filing an unauthorized dismissal with prejudice, in  
15 willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A).

16 COUNT TWO

17 Case No. 15-O-12479  
18 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2)  
19 [Improper Withdrawal from Employment]

20 3. Respondent failed, upon termination of employment, to take reasonable steps to avoid  
21 reasonably foreseeable prejudice to Respondent's client, Roberta Carreon, by constructively  
22 terminating Respondent's employment or on or about June 26, 2013, by filing an unauthorized  
23 dismissal with prejudice, and by failing to take any action on the client's behalf after on or about  
24 June 26, 2013, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

25 COUNT THREE

26 Case No. 15-O-12479  
27 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
28 [Failure to Inform Client of Significant Development]

4. Respondent failed to keep Respondent's client, Roberta Carreon, reasonably informed  
of significant developments in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal

1 services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m), by failing to  
2 inform the client of service of a statutory offer on or about March 21, 2013, to settle the matter  
3 for a waiver of costs in exchange for a dismissal with prejudice, and by failing to advise the  
4 client of the service and filing on or about June 26, 2013, of a dismissal with prejudice on her  
5 behalf.

6 **NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!**

7 **YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR**  
8 **COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**  
9 **SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL**  
10 **THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO**  
11 **THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN**  
12 **INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE**  
13 **ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE**  
14 **RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.**

15 **NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

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

21 Respectfully submitted,

22 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
23 OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

24 DATED: December 4, 2015

25 By: Hugh G. Radigan  
26 Hugh G. Radigan  
27 Deputy Trial Counsel  
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CASE NUMBER(s): 15-o-12479

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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: December 4, 2015

SIGNED:

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JULI FINNILA
Declarant