

# PUBLIC MATTER

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STATE BAR COURT  
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In the Matter of: ) Case No. 15-O-12766  
 YELENA ANELEY GUREVICH, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
 No. 269487, )  
 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.**

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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Yelena Aneley Gurevich ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the  
4 State of California on May 18, 2010, 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-12766  
8 Business and Professions Code section 6068(a)  
9 [Failure to Comply With Laws – Unauthorized Practice of Law]

10 2. Between on or about September 15, 2014, and on or about November 26, 2014,  
11 Respondent held herself out as entitled to practice law and actually practiced law when  
12 Respondent was not an active member of the State Bar by soliciting client Maria Guarnera,  
13 sending Guarnera an email on or about September 15, 2015 that identified Respondent as a law  
14 partner at her firm and which contained legal advice and an attached retainer agreement that  
15 stated Respondent was actively licensed to practice law in California, and providing Guarnera  
16 with an accounting reflecting that Respondent was entitled to attorney's fees for a November 26,  
17 2014 meeting, in violation of Business and Professions Code sections 6125 and 6126, and  
18 thereby willfully violated Business and Professions Code section 6068(a).

19 COUNT TWO

20 Case No. 15-O-12766  
21 Business and Professions Code section 6106  
22 [Moral Turpitude]

23 3. Between on or about September 15, 2014, and on or about November 26, 2014,  
24 Respondent held herself out as entitled to practice law and actually practiced law when  
25 Respondent knew, or was grossly negligent in not knowing, Respondent was not an active  
26 member of the State Bar by soliciting client Maria Guarnera, sending Guarnera an email on or  
27 about September 15, 2015 that identified Respondent as a law partner at her firm and which  
28 contained legal advice and an attached retainer agreement that stated Respondent was actively  
licensed to practice law in California, and providing Guarnera with an accounting reflecting that

1 Respondent was entitled to attorney's fees for a November 26, 2014 meeting, and thereby  
2 committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of  
3 Business and Professions Code section 6106.

4 COUNT THREE

5 Case No. 15-O-12766  
6 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k)  
7 [Failure to Comply with Conditions of Probation]

8 4. Respondent failed to comply with conditions attached to Respondent's disciplinary  
9 probation in State Bar Case numbers 13-O-11268, et al. as follows, in willful violation of  
10 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k):

11 A. Engaging in the unauthorized practice of law by soliciting client Maria  
12 Guarnera, holding herself out as entitled to practice law and giving legal  
13 advice to Guarnera, by soliciting Guarnera, sending Guarnera an email on or  
14 about September 15, 2015 that identified Respondent as a law partner at her  
15 firm and which contained legal advice and an attached retainer agreement that  
16 stated Respondent was actively licensed to practice law in California, and  
17 providing Guarnera with an accounting reflecting that Respondent was  
18 entitled to attorney's fees for a November 26, 2014 meeting, in violation of  
19 the State Bar Act, including Business and Professions Code sections 6068(a),  
20 6125 and 6126 and 6106.

21 COUNT FOUR

22 Case No. 15-O-12766  
23 Business and Professions Code section 6106  
24 [Moral Turpitude - Misrepresentation]

25 5. On or about October 3, 2014, Respondent submitted a written quarterly report signed  
26 under penalty of perjury to the State Bar Office of Probation, which stated that she had not  
27 practiced law at any time between August 30, 2014, and September 30, 2014, and had complied  
28 with all provisions of the State Bar Act, Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of her  
probation attached to the discipline she received in State Bar Case numbers 13-O-11268, et al.,

1 when Respondent knew, or was grossly negligent in not knowing, the statements were false, and  
2 thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, in willful violation  
3 of Business and Professions Code section 6106.

4 COUNT FIVE

5 Case No. 15-O-12766  
6 Business and Professions Code section 6106  
7 [Moral Turpitude - Misrepresentation]

8 6. On or about January 6, 2015, Respondent submitted a written quarterly report signed  
9 under penalty of perjury to the State Bar Office of Probation, which stated that she had not  
10 practiced law at any time between October 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014, and had complied  
11 with all provisions of the State Bar Act, Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of her  
12 probation attached to the discipline she received in State Bar Case numbers 13-O-11268, et al.,  
13 when Respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing the statements were false, and  
14 thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, in willful violation  
15 of Business and Professions Code section 6106.

16 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

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**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: December 7, 2015

By:   
Anand Kumar  
Senior Trial Counsel

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

**CASE NUMBER: 15-O-12766**

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, 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 Los Angeles, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

**NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0833 51, at Los Angeles, on the date shown below, addressed to:

**Edward O. Lear  
Century Law Group LLP  
5200 W Century Blvd #345  
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

in an inter-office mail facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

N/A

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 7, 2015

Signed:   
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Max Catranza  
Declarant