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STATE BAR COURT
HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of:) Case No. 15-O-13944, 16-N-10210
) (Consolidated)
WILLIAM LAWRENCE MCKINNEY,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
No. 66803,)
)
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. WILLIAM L. MCKINNEY ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in
4 the State of California on December 18, 1975, was a member at all times pertinent to these
5 charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 15-O-13944
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1)
[Failure to Release File]

9 2. Respondent failed to release promptly, after termination of Respondent's
10 employment in approximately August 2013, to Respondent's client, Brent Frost, all of the
11 client's papers and property following the client's request for the client's file in approximately
12 September 2013, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1).

13 COUNT TWO

14 Case No. 15-O-13944
15 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)
[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

16 3. Respondent failed to respond promptly to two written reasonable status inquiries
17 made by Respondent's client, Brent Frost, on December 14, 2014 and February 5, 2015, that
18 Respondent received in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in
19 willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

20 COUNT THREE

21 Case No. 15-O-13944
22 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)
[Failure to Inform Client of Significant Development]

23 4. From about August 2013 until the present, Respondent failed to keep
24 Respondent's client, Brent Frost, reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in
25 which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and
26 Professions Code, section 6068(m), by failing to inform the client of the following: that,
27 following Frost's criminal trial, Respondent had lost Frost's file.

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COUNT FOUR

Case No. 16-N-10210
California Rules of Court, rule 9.20
[Failure to Obey Rule 9.20]

5. Respondent failed to file a declaration of compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20 in conformity with the requirements of rule 9.20(c) with the clerk of the State Bar Court by November 24, 2015, as required by Supreme Court order no. S226927, in willful violation of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20. (A true and correct copy of the 9.20 Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated by reference.)

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.

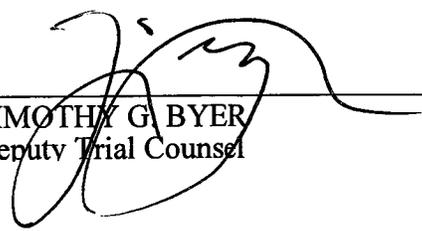
Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: March 18, 2016

By: _____

TIMOTHY G. BYER
Deputy Trial Counsel



SUPREME COURT
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(State Bar Court Nos. 14-O-01186; 14-O-03498)

SEP 15 2015

S226927

Frank A. McGuire Clerk

Deputy

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

En Banc

In re WILLIAM LAWRENCE MCKINNEY on Discipline

The court orders that William Lawrence Mckinney, State Bar Number 66803, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

1. William Lawrence Mckinney is suspended from the practice of law for the first 90 days of probation;
2. William Lawrence Mckinney must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 20, 2015; and
3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if William Lawrence Mckinney has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

William Lawrence Mckinney must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

William Lawrence Mckinney must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

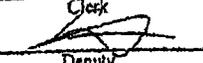
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Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. One-half of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2016 and 2017. If William Lawrence McKinney fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

CANTIL-SAKAUYE

Chief Justice

I, Frank A. McGuire, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that the proceeding is a true copy of an order of this Court as shown by the records of my office.
Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this

_____ day of SEP 15 2015
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By:  Deputy

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

CASE NUMBER(s): 15-O-13944; 16-N-10210

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:

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

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

- By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))
By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))
By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))
By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

- (for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0744 72 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS, Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

Table with 4 columns: Person Served, Business-Residential Address, Fax Number, Courtesy Copy Via U.S. First-Class Mail To. Row 1: WILLIAM LAWRENCE McKINNEY, LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM L. McKINNEY, P.O. BOX 461, BOLIVAR, TN 38008-0461, Electronic Address, WILLIAM LAWRENCE McKINNEY, LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM L. McKINNEY, P.O. BOX 461, BOLIVAR, TN 38008-0461

- via inter-office mail regularly processed and maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

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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, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service (UPS). 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, and for overnight delivery, deposited with delivery fees paid or provided for, with UPS that same day.

I am aware that on motion of the 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.

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: March 18, 2016

SIGNED: SANDRA JONES Declarant