

# PUBLIC MATTER

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HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

12 In the Matter of: ) Case No. 15-O-14379  
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 14 GREGORY EDGAR STEARNS, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
 No. 80704, )  
 15 )  
 16 A Member of the State Bar )

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

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

- 20 (1) **YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**  
 21 (2) **YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU**  
 22 **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**  
 23 (3) **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN**  
 24 **THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION**  
 25 **AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**  
 26 (4) **YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.**  
 27 **SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE**  
 28 **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. Gregory Edgar Stearns ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State  
4 of California on June 23, 1978, 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-14379

8 Business and Professions Code section 6106

9 [Moral Turpitude – Misrepresentation of MCLE Compliance]

10 2. On or about January 21, 2014, respondent falsely reported under the penalty of  
11 perjury to the State Bar that respondent had fully complied with respondent's minimum  
12 continuing legal education ("MCLE") requirements for the period of February 1, 2011 to January  
13 31, 2014 ("compliance period"), when respondent knew, or was grossly negligent in not  
14 knowing, that respondent had failed to complete the MCLE requirements for the compliance  
15 period, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in  
16 willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6106.

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18 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

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28 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.**

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Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
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DATED: May 9, 2016

By:   
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