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**STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES**

In the Matter of	)	Case No. 15-O-15736-CV
	)	
MARIO G. VALENCIA,	)	ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S
	)	MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 235749.	)	
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On July 28, 2017, respondent Mario G. Valencia (Respondent) filed a motion to set aside his default (motion) entered on July 13, 2017, in the above matter. On that same date, Respondent submitted a verified response to the Notice of Disciplinary Charges (NDC) filed in this matter on May 8, 2017.

The State Bar of California, Office of Chief Trial Counsel (State Bar), filed its response to Respondent's motion on August 1, 2017. The State Bar noted in its response that it "has no objection to [R]espondent's Motion."

After reviewing and considering Respondent's motion, the State Bar's response thereto, and in light of the strong public policy favoring the resolution of matters on their merits,<sup>1</sup> the court issues the following orders:

1. Good cause having been shown, the motion to set aside Respondent's default is hereby **GRANTED**;

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of Morone* (Review Dept. 1990) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 207, 214-215.

2. Respondent's inactive enrollment, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (e), is **TERMINATED** upon the filing of this order;

3. Respondent's [proposed] verified response to the NDC, which was received by the State Bar Court Clerk's Office on July 28, 2017, is accepted as his response to the NDC, and a case administrator is directed to file it as of the date of this order and serve a copy on the State Bar; and

4. All parties and their counsel must appear at a telephonic status conference that has been calendared to take place on August 23, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. The status conference will be audio recorded. The call will be placed by the case administrator to the telephone number of record unless the case administrator is notified of a different telephone number at which the member or the member's counsel may be reached at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled date and time of the conference.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: August 8, 2017

  
CYNTHIA VALENZUELA  
Judge of the State Bar Court

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<b>In the Matter of</b>	)	<b>Case No. 15-0-15736-CV</b>
	)	
	)	<b>VERIFIED RESPONSE TO NOTICE</b>
<b>MARIO GILBERTO VALENCIA</b>	)	<b>OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES</b>
<b>No. 235749</b>	)	
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<b><u>A Member of the State Bar</u></b>	)	

All further notices in relation to this proceeding are to be sent to:

Arthur L. Margolis, Esq.  
MARGOLIS & MARGOLIS LLP  
Attorneys at Law  
2000 Riverside Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 900039

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

**JURISDICTION**

1. Responding to Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges,  
Respondent admits the allegations stated in that paragraph.

**COUNT ONE**

2. Responding to Count One of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges,  
Respondent admits the allegations stated in that paragraph.

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**COUNT TWO**

3. Responding to Count Two of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges,  
Respondent admits the allegations stated in that paragraph.

**MARGOLIS & MARGOLIS LLP**

**July 26, 2017**

By: *Arthur L. Margolis*  
**ARTHUR L. MARGOLIS**  
**Counsel for Respondent**

VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I have read the foregoing Verified Response to Notice of Disciplinary  
Charges and know its contents.

I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, a party to this action, and am authorized to make this verification for and on its behalf, and I make this verification for that reason.  I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are true.  The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I am one of the attorneys for \_\_\_\_\_, a party to this action. Such party is absent from the county where such attorneys have their offices, and I make this verification for and on behalf of that party for that reason. I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are true.

Executed on July 27, 2017, at Valencia California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Mario Valencia

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
**BY PERSONAL DELIVERY**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            )

**Case No. 15-0-15736-CV**

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is: 2000 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, California 90039-3758.

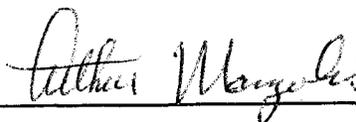
On July 28, 2017, I served the foregoing document described as:  
VERIFIED RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES on the State Bar of California, by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

Michaela Carpio  
Deputy Trial Counsel  
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
845 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-2515

**I DELIVERED SUCH ENVELOPE BY HAND TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADDRESSEE.**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 28th day of July, 2017 at Los Angeles, California.

  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on August 8, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT;  
VERIFIED RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

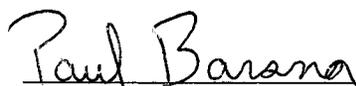
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

**ARTHUR LEWIS MARGOLIS  
MARGOLIS & MARGOLIS LLP  
2000 RIVERSIDE DR  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90039**

- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

**MICHAELA F. CARPIO, Enforcement, Los Angeles**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 8, 2017.



Paul Barona  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court