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8 **THE STATE BAR COURT**
9 **OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES**
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12 **In the Matter of**)

Case No. 15-O-15855-YDR

13 **DONALD A. HILLAND,**)
14 **No. 240436,**)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

15 **A Member of the State Bar**)
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24 **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

25 **JURISDICTION**

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

2. Responding to Paragraph 2 of Count One of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph. This denial is asserted to not waive the State Bar's burden of proving the charges and allegations stated by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty. Further, Respondent claims the privilege against self-incrimination under Evidence Code section 940, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and California Constitution, article 1, section 15.

COUNT TWO

3. Responding to Paragraph 3 of Count Two of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph. This denial is asserted to not waive the State Bar's burden of proving the charges and allegations stated by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty. Further, Respondent claims the privilege against self-incrimination under Evidence Code section 940, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and California Constitution, article 1, section 15.

COUNT THREE

4. Responding to Paragraph 4 of Count Three of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph. This denial is asserted to not waive the State Bar's burden of proving the charges and allegations stated by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty. Further, Respondent claims the privilege against self-incrimination under Evidence Code section 940, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and California Constitution, article 1, section 15.

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COUNT FOUR

5. Responding to Paragraph 5 of Count Four of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph. This denial is asserted to not waive the State Bar's burden of proving the charges and allegations stated by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty. Further, Respondent claims the privilege against self-incrimination under Evidence Code section 940, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and California Constitution, article 1, section 15.

COUNT FIVE

6. Responding to Paragraph 6 of Count Five of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph. This denial is asserted to not waive the State Bar's burden of proving the charges and allegations stated by clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty. Further, Respondent claims the privilege against self-incrimination under Evidence Code section 940, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and California Constitution, article 1, section 15.

COUNT SIX

7. Responding to Paragraph 7 of Count Six of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, Respondent denies the allegations stated in that paragraph.

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