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## STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

12 In the Matter of: ) Case No. 15-O-15855  
 13 DONALD A. HILLAND, )  
 14 No. 240436, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
 15 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  
 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;
- 22 (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;
- 23 (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  
 24 FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,  
 25 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.

26 The State Bar of California alleges:

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COUNT FOUR

Case No. 15-O-15855  
Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
[Moral Turpitude]

5. On December 3, 2013, respondent knowingly filed an altered Certificate of Counseling with the Bankruptcy Court in an attempt to mislead the court in bankruptcy case number 6:13-bk-28843-SY, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

COUNT FIVE

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6. On January 22, 2014, respondent appeared at the first Meeting of Creditors in bankruptcy case number 6:13-bk-28843-SY and falsely testified that all of the information within his bankruptcy filing was true and correct and the Certificate of Counseling contained within the filing was a true and correct copy which he knew was false, and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

COUNT SIX

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[Moral Turpitude]

7. On January 6, 2014 and April 7, 2014, respondent filed his quarterly reports with the Office of Probation and stated under penalty of perjury that he was in compliance with all provisions of the State Bar Act, Rules of Professional Conduct and all conditions of probation, which respondent knew or was grossly negligent in not knowing his statements were false and thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

**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**

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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: JULY 6, 2016 By:   
MURRAY B. GREENBERG  
Senior Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

CASE NUMBER(s): 15-O-15855

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

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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 0743 73 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)

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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').

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: July 7, 2016

SIGNED:

SANDRA JONES
Declarant