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**STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**REVIEW DEPARTMENT**

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In the Matter of	)	Case No. 15-Q-13256
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CHRISTIAN KELLEY JENSEN,	)	RECOMMENDATION ON
	)	RESIGNATION
A Member of the State Bar, No. 214239.	)	
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Respondent Christian Kelley Jensen filed his resignation with charges pending on June 30, 2015. On September 28, 2015, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed its report on the resignation, recommending that it be declined. Jensen did not file a response to OCTC's report. Based on OCTC's recommendation and in light of the grounds set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 9.21(d),\* as detailed below, we recommend that the Supreme Court reject the resignation.

**I. BACKGROUND**

Jensen was admitted to practice law in California on June 28, 2001. He has no prior record of discipline.

Charges are pending against Jensen. In State Bar Court case numbers 13-O-17117 and 14-O-02232 (Cons.), Jensen is charged with 11 counts of misconduct, including for the misappropriation of client funds and misrepresentations to the State Bar, stemming from two consolidated matters. In that case, Jensen failed to appear as a party in that proceeding and his

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\* All further references to rules are to this source unless otherwise noted.

default was entered. He failed to have his default vacated or set aside. On September 21, 2015, the Hearing Department filed a decision recommending that Jensen be disbarred from the practice of law and that he be ordered to make restitution to two clients, totaling \$5,725.

OCTC also reports that four other matters, involving four additional complaining witnesses, are in the investigation stage.

## **II. CONSIDERATION OF THE GROUNDS SET FORTH IN RULE 9.21(d)**

We have considered Jensen's resignation under the grounds set forth in rule 9.21(d). We summarize below the relevant information for each ground:

### **1. Whether the preservation of testimony is complete.**

OCTC reports that preservation of testimony is not complete because Jensen failed to appear at trial, and therefore witness testimony was not done.

### **2. Whether after transfer to inactive status, Jensen has practiced law or has advertised or held himself out as entitled to practice law.**

OCTC reports that it has no evidence that Jensen has practiced law or held himself out as entitled to practice law since he tendered his resignation on June 30, 2015.

### **3. Whether Jensen performed the acts specified in rule 9.20(a)-(b).**

OCTC reports that it has no information that Jensen has performed the acts specified by rule 9.20(a)-(b).

### **4. Whether Jensen provided proof of compliance with rule 9.20(c).**

Jensen has not filed a rule 9.20 compliance declaration.

### **5. Whether the Supreme Court has filed a disbarment order.**

The Supreme Court has not filed a disbarment order.

### **6. Whether the State Bar Court has filed a decision recommending disbarment.**

The State Bar Court has filed a decision recommending Jensen's disbarment.

**7. Whether Jensen previously resigned or has been disbarred and reinstated to the practice of law.**

Jensen has not previously resigned or been disbarred.

**8. Whether Jensen entered a stipulation with OCTC as to facts and conclusions of law regarding pending disciplinary matters.**

Jensen and OCTC have not reached an agreement on a written stipulation as to the facts and conclusions of law regarding Jensen's pending disciplinary proceedings.

**9. Whether accepting Jensen's resignation will reasonably be inconsistent with the need to protect the public, the courts, or the legal profession.**

Acceptance of Jensen's resignation would be inconsistent with the need to protect the public, the courts, and the legal profession. The State Bar Court has filed a decision recommending Jensen's disbarment following his default and the pending charges involve serious misconduct. Jensen should not be allowed the benefit of resigning because it would undermine public confidence in the disciplinary system and the legal profession.

### **III. RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the Supreme Court decline to accept the resignation of Christian Kelley Jensen, State Bar number 214239.

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Acting Presiding Judge

**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 November 17, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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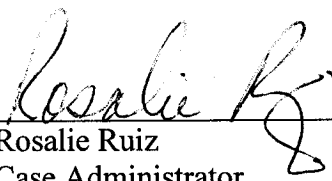
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on November 17, 2015.

  
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Rosalie Ruiz  
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