

**State Bar Court
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San Francisco**

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| Petitioner Robert W. Roland | (for Court use only) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">FILED</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold;">JUN 12 2015</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO</div> |
| Counsel for Petitioner Douglas L. Rappaport (SBN 136194) Law Offices of Douglas L. Rappaport 260 California Street, Suite 1002 San Francisco, CA 94102 | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold;">PUBLIC MATTER</div> |
| In the Matter Of: Robert W. Roland Petitioner for Reinstatement Former Bar Number: 203087 | Case Number (to be assigned by State Bar Court) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-family: cursive;">15-R-12881-PEM</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT</div> Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(f); Rules Proc. of State Bar, rules 5.440 et seq. |
| <p><u>NOTE</u> PETITIONER MUST CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PETITION WHENEVER CHANGES TO THE INFORMATION OCCUR AND MUST PROMPTLY FILE THE UPDATES WITH THE STATE BAR COURT AND SERVE THEM ON THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL.</p> | |
| All information which cannot be set forth in the space provided must be included in attachments on consecutively numbered pages that reference the section of the petition being addressed. Begin numbering the attachments after the last page of this Petition. | |
| Total number of pages, including all attachments: 62 | |

I, **Robert Roland**, the above-named petitioner, having read the California Rules of Court, rule 9.10(f), and the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, rules 5.440 et seq., do hereby petition for reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of California based on the following grounds:

A. REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

1. TIME ELIGIBILITY FOR FILING PETITION (check all that apply)

- a. Petitioner was disbarred, effective date: 04/27/2007
 Petitioner resigned with disciplinary charges pending, effective date:
 Petitioner resigned without disciplinary charges pending, effective date:

- b. Petitioner was interimly suspended or enrolled inactive immediately preceding disbarment or resignation, effective date: 04/10/2006
- c. Petitioner filed prior petition(s) for reinstatement, as listed below.

| Date Prior Petition Filed | Case Number |
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| 09/20/2013 | 13-R-15613-PEM |

Check here if no prior petition has been filed.

- d. Petitioner has attached to this petition any decision or order of the Supreme Court or the State Bar Court that petitioner relies upon in submitting this petition for reinstatement earlier than permitted by rule 5.442 of the Rules of Procedure.

2. PROOF OF PASSAGE OF ATTORNEYS' EXAMINATION

- a. Petitioner resigned with charges pending or was disbarred and has attached to this petition proof that petitioner has taken and passed the Attorneys' Examination administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners within three years prior to the filing of this petition.
- b. Petitioner resigned without charges pending more than five years before filing this petition for reinstatement and has attached to this petition proof that petitioner has taken and passed the Attorneys' Examination administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners within five years prior to the filing of this petition.
- c. Petitioner resigned without charges pending within five years prior to filing this petition for reinstatement and is not required to provide proof that petitioner has taken and passed the Attorneys' Examination. Petitioner understands that he or she must establish present ability and learning in the general law.

3. PROOF OF PAYMENT OF DISCIPLINE COSTS

- a. Petitioner has attached to this petition proof of payment of all discipline costs imposed pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, subdivision (a). To obtain proof, contact the Membership Billing Services at (415) 538-2365. This proof is required even if no discipline costs were imposed.
- b. Proof of payment of all discipline costs is not attached. Explain:

4. PROOF OF PAYMENT TO CLIENT SECURITY FUND

- a. Petitioner has attached to this petition proof of payment of all reimbursement for payments made by the Client Security Fund as a result of Petitioner's conduct, plus applicable interest and costs pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivision (c). To obtain proof, contact the Client Security Fund at (213) 765-1150. This proof is required even if no reimbursement was required.
- b. Proof of payment to the Client Security Fund is not attached. Explain:

5. PROOF OF PASSAGE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION

- a. Petitioner has attached to this Petition proof of passage of a professional responsibility examination after the effective date of petitioner's disbarment or resignation but not more than one year before the filing of this Petition.
- b. Proof of passage of a professional responsibility examination is not attached. Explain:

6. OTHER REQUIREMENTS (all boxes must be checked)

- a. **Filing Fee.** Petitioner has included a filing fee of \$1,600, payable to the State Bar of California. The court will not waive a filing fee.
- b. **Disclosure Statement.** Petitioner has completed and verified a Disclosure Statement on the form approved by the court and in compliance with the instructions. Along with a copy of this Petition, Petitioner has served the original Disclosure Statement on the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel pursuant to rule 5.25 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. The Petition will not be filed without a proof of service showing service of the Petition and Disclosure Statement on the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel.
- c. **Fingerprints Submitted.** Under Business and Professions Code section 6054, Petitioner has (1) submitted fingerprints to the California Department of Justice via Live Scan technology, or (2) if the Petitioner resides outside the state, submitted two sets of original fingerprints on record cards furnished by the State Bar to the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel.

B. PREVIOUS DISBARMENT OR RESIGNATION INFORMATION

1. DISBARMENT

- a) List the cases number(s) of the case in which disbarment was ordered: 05-C-02767
- b) List the case number(s) of the matters pending in State Bar Court on the date the disbarment order was filed: N/A
- c) List the case number(s) of any matters not yet filed with State Bar Court of which petitioner is aware were pending on the date that the disbarment order was filed: N/A

2. RESIGNATION

- a) List the case number(s) of the matters pending in State Bar Court on the date the resignation was tendered: N/A
- b) List the case number(s) of any matters not yet filed with State Bar Court of which petitioner is aware were pending on the date that the resignation was tendered: N/A

C. ESTABLISHING REHABILITATION, MORAL CHARACTER QUALIFICATIONS AND DEMONSTRATING PRESENT ABILITY AND LEARNING IN THE GENERAL LAW

Attach a statement summarizing the evidence that Petitioner contends establishes his or her: (1) rehabilitation and present moral qualifications for reinstatement, and (2) present ability and learning in the general law.

VERIFICATION

I, Robert Roland , Petitioner, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing, including all attachments and/or addenda, is true and correct and that this declaration is executed at, San Francisco, CA (enter city, state), on 6/2/15 (enter date).

Robert Roland

Petitioner (print or type name)



Signature of Petitioner

Douglas L. Rappaport

Petitioner's Counsel (print or type name)



Signature of Petitioner's Counsel

**Proof of Passage of Attorney's
Examination**



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November 16, 2012

ROBERT WILLIAM ROLAND
1028 BANYAN WAY
PACIFICA, CA 94044

Code #: 366
File #: 32161
App #: 7603

Congratulations! You passed the July 2012 administration of the California Bar Examination. Please refer to the State Bar Court's page on the State Bar of California's website at www.statebarcourt.ca.gov for information relative to applying for reinstatement to practice law in California.

**Proof of Payment of Discipline
Costs**



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February 8, 2013

#203087
Robert W. Roland
1028 Banyan Way
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Mr. Roland:

This is response to your request for the written verification of your billing record. I have reviewed your billing record, and it shows no outstanding balance for discipline costs and membership fees.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Billing Services at (415) 538-2360. You will also need to contact the Client Security Fund at (213) 765-1150, to determine the amount if any due for CSF obligations.

Sincerely,

Tina Surles, Senior Administrative Supervisor
Membership Billing Services

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*This letter does not list any other fees/costs that may be due.

**Proof of Payment to Client
Security Fund**



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February 8, 2013

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

**ROBERT W ROLAND
1028 BANYAN WAY
PACIFICA CA 94044**

**Re: Your Reinstatement Petition
State Bar No. 203087**

Dear Mr. Roland:

This is in response to your telephone inquiry today regarding your restitution to the Fund.

This letter is to confirm that you do not owe the Fund any money. Our records also reflect that there are no pending applications filed against you.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (213) 765-1150.

Very truly yours,

Betty Yung
Senior Administrative Supervisor

BY/yb

**Proof of Passage of Professional
Responsibility Examination**



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Name: ROBERT ROLAND
NCBE Number: N10010852
Date of Birth: 04/13/1971

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Statements Establishing
1. Rehabilitation, Moral
Character Qualifications, and
2. Present Ability and Learning in
General Law

ROBERT ROLAND - PERSONAL STATEMENT

When in federal prison I had a lot of time to think, and while other inmates discussed how bad luck or a "snitch" led to their downfall, I dug much deeper to understand how and why I lost myself, and in the process, lost my career as an attorney and very nearly, the family that would become my future.

My self-reflection began by examining my upbringing, which was not perfect, but for the most part, stable and loving. I was born the second son of a teacher and a homemaker in San Jose. When I was really young we moved to Los Gatos. We had a nice home near a park and my school, though when I was 5, my parents divorced.

However, although divorce can have a devastating effect on children, my life was not in shambles after my parents separated. My father was always around and my mother was the best mother I could hope for. Yes, my brother and I came home to an empty house after school, but we had everything children needed, shelter, food, love and guidance. I was a good student, in advanced classes and had fairly good grades. I wanted to be a lawyer.

In high school all of this changed: My girlfriend informed me that she had become accidentally pregnant. It was at that moment when I went from being a normal teenager to someone who had to make very mature decisions. We discussed the alternatives together and with my parents. My father took me to a family attorney to better understand the legal consequences, and ultimately even though we were no longer a couple, she (and I along with her) decided to have the baby.

Once the decision was made, we both committed to being the best parents we could be under the circumstances. We attended Lamaze and parenting classes together which ironically highlighted how young and emotionally ill prepared we were as everyone else in those classes was a mature adult.

My daughter was born while I was still in high school, and in addition to studying, I got a job to help support her. College prep courses and the dreams of attending a four-year college slipped away. Again, I am not using this as an excuse or justification for my problems, especially since this was much harder on my former girlfriend who had to take home school classes in order to graduate. And while she obviously had the harder job, being a teenage parent took me down a road I never anticipated traveling before.

My first jobs were at gas stations, and it was here that I initially encountered drugs and the drug culture. In order to be accepted, and most likely to take my mind off of my situation, I began occasionally smoking marijuana with my co-workers who then became people I thought were my friends.

Eventually, working and "partying" became the norm, and after graduating high school, I used marijuana more frequently and had tried cocaine several times. By the time I entered community college at San Jose State, I smoked pot nearly everyday.

I still wanted to be a lawyer and followed through to graduate, but the drugs were always present. While my friends just worked and partied, I continued in my education, worked and partied.

Looking back, I now see that I had little in common with my "friends", but by comparison, I felt a sense of acceptance and ironically, accomplishment: I thought I was the most together and was working to a better life. Of course, in retrospect, my life was spiraling out of control without my being conscious of what was occurring.

After graduating college, I was accepted to the University of San Francisco Law School and moved to the city. Initially, I lived with my brother. I starting out doing fairly well and thought I could continue to succeed in law school while still meeting up with my old friends and do drugs. This was the beginning of my leading a double life, but at the time, I didn't realize it.

During the second semester of my first year of law school, my brother moved out of our apartment and a friend who was just working moved in. With this change, drugs became a larger portion of my life as they were now in my home, including crystal meth.

With this change, my academics also suffered. At the end of my first year, my GPA sunk below a 2.0 and I was required to repeat the first year. And while this should have been a wake-up call to discontinue my drug use and refocus, I ignored the signs.

While I was retaking the first year, I applied for and was accepted for an internship position at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office (SFDA). I fell in love with work as a prosecutor almost immediately.

I interned for the same attorney for three years, often working 40+ hours a week and even switched to occasional night classes to accommodate my schedule at the District Attorney's office. I had found my true calling, loved every day and was becoming a different person—the one I had always thought I'd become. And while I did see my old friends during this period, it was less frequently than before.

In 1999, I graduated and passed the Bar, but there were no paid openings at the District Attorney's Office so I volunteered as an unpaid attorney for nine months before being hired.

While at SFDA's office, I started making new friends in the office, but since I did not want to stop taking drugs (or could not stop), I remained in occasional contact with my old friends. Because I received praise and respect at work and was very good at my job, I rationalized that I could "party" on some weekends so long as I always kept my professional and personal lives separate.

In 2003, however, my two worlds collided: Eric S., an old friend whom I had done drugs with many times had been arrested and was being prosecuted in the courtroom where I

was the assigned Assistant District Attorney. He had been arrested for possession with the intent to sell ecstasy.

I knew that ethically, I should have declared a conflict and removed myself from the case, but was scared of the repercussions because I would have to disclose the reason for the conflict to my office.

Thinking that I wanted to never see him again in court, and perhaps to make myself appear successful in his eyes, I made matters significantly worse: I conveyed an offer to his attorney at an early stage of the proceedings which appeared favorable, though it was no different than what he would have received at some later date. Yet, there was an appearance of significant impropriety.

The next night Eric S. came to my house to thank me and sell me methamphetamine. I explained that I hadn't done anything that wouldn't have occurred anyway, but nevertheless, he started telling people that he knew a DA who could help their cases.

Thereafter, a man named Ryan N. was arrested and was in custody. Eric S. called me to see if there was anything I could do to help him. I told Eric that I couldn't and wouldn't even know which courtroom Ryan N. would be assigned. However as luck would have it, Ryan N. was assigned to my courtroom. When his case was called, I did not make any recommendation as to his custody status and a visiting judge released him. Again, I knew I should have stated there was a conflict, but again was worried about repercussions in my office.

I never influenced or handled any cases that included either person again, but foolishly continued to buy drugs from them including methamphetamine and ecstasy.

Even though I was still secretly taking drugs, I was developing healthier friendships with my colleagues at the District Attorney's office and in the Police Department.

In 2002, I met a woman in my office, Jean Kang. She was perfect: Smart, stable, beautiful and wonderful in every way. As we started dating, I slowly began distancing myself from my old life and began embracing a new life with her. She encouraged me become a better person in many ways, but foremost she encouraged me to have my daughter move in with me. During her childhood my daughter lived with her mother, but when her mother moved out of state, my daughter moved in with my mother in Los Gatos. Jean thought it would be better to have her with me. While I initially was worried about taking on this responsibility, Jean convinced and encouraged me to do it. Upon reflection, it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. While raising a teenage daughter was difficult at first, it allowed me to have a far deeper and meaningful relationship with my daughter. I became a true parent.

While I did not instantly stop all of my bad behavior and become Ozzie Nelson, I was making positive steps toward that better future. I rarely saw my old friends and Jean and I were discussing marriage. Then in mid 2005, it all collapsed.

Two FBI agents came to my work to question me. They asked me if I had every worked on Eric's case and I said that I didn't remember, but we could check the computer system. They asked me if I ever worked on Ryan's case and I said I didn't remember. They also asked me if I took drugs and I said no, but later admitted to smoking pot. They searched my house and my office. About two weeks later, I was arrested and put on leave from my job.

I was charged with three counts of lying to federal investigators for the above questions, but the bulk of the case focused on fixing cases in exchange for drugs.

At this point, I felt my life was over. I had brought shame to my office, my friends, myself, and the love of my life, Jean. Yet, my beautiful Jean stayed by my side even though some told her to distance herself from me. When this happened, I felt that I could get through this. In addition, while all of the friends that I had from the drug side of my life dropped completely from my life, most of my friends from my professional life stood by me and still do. In retrospect, I see that they saw the other Rob who was the ardent prosecutor who cared about victims of crime and ironically, justice.

As for the drugs, I quit everything once I was arrested and never looked back. I was routinely tested, and aside from one test in the beginning that picked up residual THC, all other tests were clean.

Ultimately, it became clear that I did not fix cases for drugs, but I had been dishonest with the federal agents as well as admitted to purchasing eight pills of ecstasy to share with friends. Thus, I entered pleas to possession with intent to distribute, as well as simple possession.

While awaiting sentencing, Jean and I were married on May 21, 2006. Shortly thereafter, I was sentenced to 6 months in prison and 3 years of supervised release with drug monitoring and testing conditions.

Prison was very difficult for me. Being law enforcement, I was sent to Florence, Colorado to serve my time. This was done for my protection, but it also put me many miles away from anyone I knew. Still my true friends, my non-drug friends, wrote me, sent me books and cards of encouragement, but I never heard from any of my older friends. And my sweet Jean flew out and visited me every month.

In prison, I tried to stick to myself and had a lot of time to think about what I had done, why and what was important in my life moving forward. My thoughts are reflected in this statement.

After I got out of prison in January 2007, I was still on federal probation that included drug counseling and testing. I completed my drug counseling early as I no longer had a problem with drugs, as documented in Sharper Futures letter dated April 24, 2007 and enclosed with my application.

Once I got out, I took an entry level position at a medical device manufacturing company testing used medical devices. After that company moved out of the area, rather than move with the company, I became a Document Control Specialist at another medical device company, Cardiva Medical, where I am still employed today. I have been promoted twice during my time there and am currently a Senior Quality Assurance and Compliance Specialist.

In my current occupation, I help people, albeit indirectly. I work to make sure that our company produces a safe device for patients. Without my role regulating this product, lives can be lost due to faulty production. In this small way, I can still take great pleasure in finding a way to help people, but long for having more of a direct and immediate impact on those individuals who need assistance.

As for home life, Jean and I settled into a normal married life. Being a husband through two pregnancies and then a father to two children from infancy to early childhood leaves very little time for anything else in my life. I have spent the past six years caring for my wife through two high risk pregnancies and then caring for my two sons born 2009 and 2010. I utterly embraced fatherhood and have given myself completely to my family. My wife and I raise our children with unconditional love, structure, and moral guidance.

In 2014, my five year old son started Kindergarten and I have watched him grow into a remarkable little boy. Since Preschool, he has consistently offered help to other classmates, and always without any thought of receiving something in return. He once told me he wanted to be a knight when he grew up. When asked why, he said so that he could be like his dad and protect everyone from harm. You might imagine both the tremendous sense of pride and deep shame that I felt when he said this.

Once my boys were in school on a full-time basis and my duties as a father decreased somewhat, I took the opportunity to return to protecting others from harm. Of course, I will never be able to work as a prosecutor again, but instead, I began speaking at several local law schools in their ethics and professional responsibility classes. By sharing my story with current law students, I hoped that others could see that even what one might perceive as casual drug use can lead to catastrophic results for attorneys—not to mention being contrary to an attorney's oath and ethics.

When my first lecture came up, I was nervous and scared anticipating what kind of reaction I would receive. Staring at strangers as I recount my life, my mistakes, my drug use, and my failures was very difficult and humbling. I did not expect that baring my soul would impact me so strongly. The positive responses and interactions I had with the students afterward quickly showed me that the benefits to others far outweighed any personal embarrassment and shame. I gave my first talk in April 2014 and will continue speaking at the University of San Francisco School of Law, Berkeley School of Law, and the University of Santa Clara Law School each semester for many, many more years to come.

Additionally, I have been volunteering my time at the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. Each month, I assist in the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic in San Francisco's Bayview neighborhood conducting client intakes and training new volunteers on clinic procedures. Spending this time with low-income clients and remarkable volunteers has opened me up to a new and enriching environment where I again want to make a difference in this world. I began volunteering there in August 2014 and I intend to continue with this clinic into the future.

When I became a lawyer and an ADA, I realized that I could provide positive assistance to people just as my family lawyer helped me all those years ago. Working with victims of crimes, especially during my tenure in the domestic violence unit, showed me that helping people navigate difficult times was morally rewarding and fulfilling. I loved this aspect of the job more than all the others, though when I was 32, I was the one who needed help. I took on the role of a defendant and am grateful for the help that my attorney provided in assisting me to work through the very dark times that I brought upon myself.

Now, while I know that I cannot go back to the being a prosecutor, I can nevertheless help people. I have been on both sides of the fence, and having these perspectives, I am in a unique position to better assist those accused of crimes, their families and society.

My journey has been full of transgressions, consequences, and humility, but also love, maturity, self-reflection, and redemption. I am a devoted husband, a father who is a role model for my children, and a community member motivated to improve society. Becoming an attorney once again is both a vehicle for my personal atonement as well as a way to become a better role model for my children. I want to show them that helping others is the best way for them to lead their lives—and mine.

Current Employment

My current job and ethics:

I am currently working in the Quality Assurance department of a medical device manufacturing company called Cardiva Medical, Inc. This company makes a vascular closure device, which is used to close the femoral artery after vascular surgery. My official title is Sr. Quality Assurance and Compliance Specialist. I should state that 8 years ago I started as a Document Control specialist and was promoted to Quality Assurance Specialist about two years later and was then promoted to my current title about two years after that.

Now, what does that mean I actually do? Well, the federal government (through the **US Food and Drug Administration**) regulates the biomedical world through various regulations but they don't actually have a presence in the various biomedical companies. These regulations are put into place to ensure that the final product is safe and effective. In other words, to make sure people do not get hurt with our product and that it works as intended.

While the FDA does audit the biomedical companies, the day to day compliance to these regulations is the responsibility of the quality department of the companies. That is my job. I and one other person in our company set up procedures and forms to ensure that the Federal regulations, (as well as, international regulations and standards) are being followed and document those activities to show that the regulations are adhered to. In addition, we monitor most of the aspects of the company, (product development, manufacturing, supplier qualification, material qualification and inspection, etc) to ensure that the various processes and procedures that we have installed are continuously followed to ensure that the product remains safe and effective. Therefore, the main focus of my current job is to ensure that my company provides a safe and effective medical device.

My role in this company is a mirror into my own ethics. As the rules and regulations bind me to ethical considerations on the job, my own ethics bind me to do the right thing. This is the reason I am good at my job and quickly became an asset to the company. I know that my decisions impact life and death of the patients who are implanted with this device. I am very meticulous and diligent when it comes to regulating the device. I continuously read, follow, and update myself of all Federal rules and regulations in this field. I have investigated and documented problems, regardless of how small the issue, and made the appropriate reporting requirements. My ethical duty can and, in fact, has caused the company to stop production and correct deficiencies in the quality system documented by my findings. While this can cause loss of revenue to our company, the most important thing is to produce a safe product. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously and continually work to make sure it resonates throughout the company. Due to the sensitive nature and potential serious consequences, it is essential that a person with high ethics be employed as the Sr. Quality Assurance and Compliance Specialist. After all, the Compliance Specialist in a company is only as effective and valuable as the person who holds the title.

**Relapse Prevention Program
Discharge Summary**

SHARPER FUTURE

SOCIAL HABILITATION AND RELAPSE PREVENTION - EXPERT RESOURCES
 A Division of Pacific Forensic Psychology Associates, Incorporated
 870 Market Street, Suite 1277
 San Francisco, CA 94102
 415-397-6622

Discharge Summary

CLIENT NAME: Robert Roland
 FACTS: 28536
 USPO: J. James
 TREATMENT START DATE: 2/21/07
 SUGGESTED COUNSELING DISCHARGE DATE: 04/20/07
 TERMINATION FROM ALL SERVICES: 04/20/07

PRESENTING PROBLEM: Substance abuse treatment.

SUMMARY OF COUNSELING AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT:

The client has always been punctual and never missed a session. He will have completed 10 sessions by the discharge date. He exhibits a real insight into the issues with substances that lead to his legal issues. He has not only served his mandatory time but has been disbarred from practicing law. He has consistently stated the he looks back at the "stupidity" of his actions and is dedicated to never repeat them. He has started attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings and has an excellent relationship with his wife and extended family. He has been offered an option to transfer with the medical supply company where he is currently employed to the Boston area. He is seriously considering this and plans to support his wife while she studies to pass the interstate bar exam to transfer her license to Mass. He also plans to attend school in Mass. And seek to take the same exam after his 5 to 8 year waiting period. At this point I see no need to continue further counseling as the client has a firm grip on his status, goals, and is well aware that any return to substance use will sabotage his new life.

SUMMARY OF DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING:

Client has consistently tested negative for substance use.

REASON FOR COUNSELING DISCHARGE:

Client has reached a point where additional counseling no long seems necessary

REASON FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING DISCHARGE:

N/A



 COUNSELOR SIGNATURE

4-24-07

 DATE

Character Letters

Jerry Coleman, Esq. (SBN 78744)
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To the Committee of Bar Examiners

Re: Rehabilitation to Practice of Law by Robert William Roland of Pacifica

April 18, 2013

Dear Examiners:

I have known Rob Roland since fall, 2001, when I came to supervise him in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. I have been an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco since October, 1979. (But I write this letter solely in my personal capacity.) I supervised Rob in the preliminary hearing unit for close to three years. I now (among other tasks) supervise the trial integrity unit of the Office, ensuring the integrity of our trial discovery practice in compliance with the constitutional mandates of *Brady v. Maryland*, particularly as it relates to police misconduct. So I am familiar with human frailty, the process of redemption, and the requirements of professional integrity in the practice of law.

I am also quite familiar with Rob's crime as well as his punishment, including his loss of law licensure. I seek now to correct this situation, so that Rob's considerable skills and renewed commitment to the legal service of others can produce something of value.

When employed as an Assistant District Attorney, Rob performed exemplary service. Not only did he do his own work with good judgment and dispatch, but he unfailingly helped the team virtually every week, covering the assignments of sick or absent members by running their court calendars. Preliminary hearings was the unit with the hardest, most drudge-filled tasks in the entire office: deputies routinely worked 12 hours on calendar days to prepare, run, then clean up court calendars of over 100 lines. While the normal assignment was 1-2 days calendar coverage a week, Rob would often carry 3 or more days, every week, by virtue of his unflagging volunteerism to shoulder his colleagues' burdens when they could not. Yet he turned his materials in on time, rarely needed any counseling by me on the case dispositions, and maintained a constant sense of humor and optimism. He was destined for a fine career as a trial prosecutor until this matter arose.

Since his return from federal prison, he has been employed successfully and worked diligently outside the practice of law. He also has been a devoted father to two young children. He studied for and re-passed the bar on his first try, once eligible. He has suffered enough for his admitted mistake, and deserves to be allowed to serve others in the practice of law. I have kept in touch with Rob and his wife, a current Assistant District Attorney colleague of mine over the entire period of his fall from grace and current efforts to reclaim his legal career. I have spoken to Rob personally many times during these

years. As one who formerly supervised, guided, and counseled him, I am familiar with the man: both the one who was and the one he would be now. And, as the senior-most member of my law office and in my other primary current role as director of training for all its attorneys, I am intimately familiar with what makes an ethical attorney. The Rob Roland of the early 2000's was an eager go-getter, aggressive in his desire to learn and apply the law, yet always cheerful and friendly, even laid-back. The man he has become is more mature, more reflective, quieter yet still friendly; he is thoughtful, conscious of how his acts affect others, and (especially as a parent of young children) how his acts become a model for others. In a way, he has advanced from the perennial eager student waving his hand to be called on to do a task, to a more careful teacher himself, helping show others the way to do a task. That is not only the essence of personal growth, but the essence of lawyering to the lay public.

I firmly believe it is time to return Rob's law license to him. Whether his service be in the private or public sector, Rob's clients would not be in any jeopardy by his background; quite the opposite, they would be well counseled by a man of fine work habits, a keen intelligence, a moral grounding in family values, and a renewed appreciation for the classic American concept of mistake, admission, redemption, and forgiveness. He has done his part well for the first three; it is up to you to supply the last, by returning his law license to him.

Sincerely,



Jerry Coleman

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May 6, 2013

California State Bar

RE: Petition for reinstatement of
Robert William Roland #203087

Dear Sir/Madam,

As someone who has known Rob for over thirteen years, I was eager to help when he asked if I could write a letter in support of his reinstatement to the California State Bar. As an Assistant United States Attorney for two years and an Assistant District Attorney for the past fifteen, I feel qualified to comment on the ethical character required of people in the legal profession.

I first met Rob in the summer of 2000 when I started as a prosecutor at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. In those days, I categorized people by the law school they attended and the law firms they worked at. Given this criteria, it was easy to overlook Rob, since he went to a local law school and he never worked for any private law firms. Also, he seemed more interested in video games than in boasting about his courtroom prowess. All the young attorneys jockeyed for the position of "rising star," but Rob was content to stay in the background and simply do what was needed to get the job done. He was not interested in personal glory and would routinely be the first to volunteer if a colleague needed help. Rob gave of his time willingly and without expectation of reward or gratitude. How he was able to do this was incomprehensible to me.

It was a complete shock when he was arrested in 2005. While the overwhelming majority of his criminal charges were dismissed, his guilty pleas revealed an area within him that needed to be addressed. Once he finished his time in Federal Prison, Rob immediately started counseling and began to put his life back together. What he was able to achieve over the subsequent years amazes me. Because he was unable to practice law, Rob started a new career in the medical device industry. He immersed himself in this business, learned it completely, and quickly took a leadership position in his new company. Rob's skill and effort were recognized by his supervisors and he was promoted twice within his first eighteen months. Moreover, to dissuade him from working for competitors, his bosses offered him stock options in their thriving young company. Rob's maturation from the indifferent young attorney to the respected professional has been evident to everyone.

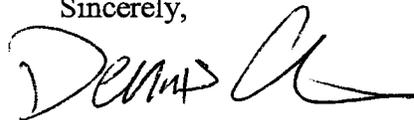
Similarly, I watched as his relationship with Jean matured from a work place romance to a lifelong partnership. Her faith in him is unbreakable and it has given him the strength to forge

ahead in his life. With Jean in his life, Rob became the primary caregiver to his teenage daughter, Alexa. Alexa was living in Texas with her mother, but they were having difficulties. Rob discussed this with Alexa's mom and they decided it was best if she moved to California to live with him. Rob went from the bachelor who played video games and ate cold pizza to the father who drove his daughter to school, cooked her dinner, and helped her with her homework.

Rob's life continued to change when he became a father for the second and third time. I could relate to these challenges, since our children are roughly the same age. Rob and I commiserated over long nights and loud infants. We shared tips about diaper changing and BPA free bottles. Rob's commitment to his family has transformed him and his home is the neighborhood destination for Easter egg hunts, pumpkin carvings, and Christmas celebrations.

Rob has learned from his mistakes and he has grown from his experiences. He has abandoned old temptations, bad influences, and is completely focused on caring for and supporting his family. In my work, I constantly see people who refuse to admit their mistakes and they inevitably repeat them. Rob is not one of these people. He is still the same caring and generous person that I first met, but there is a maturation and strength about him that was not present before. I value his friendship and I would trust him with my family and my career. I am confident that he would be a successful member of the State Bar if he were given the chance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Chow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dennis Chow

John Delgado
118 Water Mark Terrace
Hercules, CA 94547

July 8, 2013

State Bar of California
180 Howard St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear State Bar of California,

I am writing in support of my friend and former co-worker Rob Roland. I support his application to be readmitted to the State Bar. I believe in his character and moral judgment.

My support is based on the time that I have known him both professionally and personally. We worked together as prosecutors for the San Francisco District Attorney's office back in 2000. We started in the misdemeanor unit, continued through the preliminary hearing unit and the finally the Domestic Violence Unit. We have been close friends for a long time and we often attend each other's family events.

It is hard to see a friend fail and cause so much harm to our profession and to himself. But in 2006, I saw Rob, a criminal prosecutor, sentenced for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, using a communication facility to facilitate the commission of a felony drug offense, and possession of a controlled substance. At the sentencing hearing, the Judge questioned how Rob, who had helped so many in his career as a prosecutor, could engage in such activity. There was no answer. I saw Rob accept responsibility for his actions. He lost his job that he had obtained by spending a year working for free as an intern, his license to practice law and his freedom as he served out his sentence.

Understandably, people cut off contact with Rob but I did not. I've watched him rebuild his life. He got married, started a job in a new field and became a father to two beautiful boys. As I watched him rebuild his life, I never saw him blame anyone else for his situation and he was always grateful for all the good things in his life.

I myself, continue to work as a prosecutor. In 2009, I decided to run for a seat on the Hercules City Council. My City was suffering from corruption and nepotism and I felt I had to stand up and try to make a change. I walked door to door talking to my neighbors about Hercules' issues. Rob walked with me to get the word out and we spent weekends walking the streets, putting cards on people's doors and hanging out at parking lots talking to my neighbors. I never thought twice about having Rob next to me as I campaigned. He is a good and honorable man who accepts responsibility for his actions. He was a great asset during the campaign and emphasized the importance of integrity in public service.

July 8, 2013

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Rob's advocacy for good government helped me sway the voters to put me into office over two incumbents. I won a seat on the City Council and I am now the Mayor of Hercules. I have worked hard to put into place rules forbidding nepotism and cronyism and the appearance of impropriety. Because of Rob's efforts, Hercules is on path to restore its integrity and the community's faith in local government.

I have trust in Rob's character and integrity and I believe he will be a fine attorney who will serve his clients and the law well.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Delgado". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Delgado

May 23, 2013

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Robert W. Roland, currently employed by Cardiva Medical, Inc. and working under my direct supervision. Cardiva Medical, Inc. is a U.S. medical device manufacturer of Class II and Class III medical devices. The company is strictly regulated by the FDA as well as by a Notified Body which certifies the company's quality system and products on behalf of the European Union and Canada.

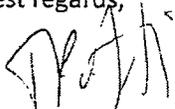
As the Senior Compliance and Quality Assurance Specialist, Robert is responsible for reviewing the company code of conduct and company policies; establishing and enforcing company procedures; ensuring adequate training and education for company staff; internal auditing; and review of medical device complaints, including those reportable to the FDA, the European Union and Canadian regulatory agencies.

Robert's responsibilities demand the utmost integrity and a commitment to quality, transparency, and ethical comportment in the interest of public safety. His success is evidenced by excellent reviews by both private and government agencies to which medical device companies are accountable.

I have known Robert in a professional capacity for 3 years. During this time I have found him to show integrity both personally and professionally. He is a contribution to the organization and is the keystone of the Quality Assurance department.

I have reviewed the State Bar of California website and am aware of the nature of the convictions against Robert resulting in his subsequent disbarment. In light of who I know Robert to be today, I have no reservations strongly recommending Robert Roland for re-instatement to the California Bar Association.

Best regards,



Terry Passarotti

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medical, inc.

State Bar of California

May 16, 2013

Re: Reinstatement of Robert William Roland 203087

To the State Bar of California:

Around 2001, I first met Rob Roland when he was handling preliminary hearings in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. I remember him as being very friendly, smart, outgoing, and a very dedicated prosecutor. I should add that when I met him, it was in a professional capacity. I have been with the San Francisco Police Department since 1982. I am currently a SFPD Sergeant Inspector with the Special Victims Unit Human Trafficking Division.

Around 2004, I had the opportunity to work more closely with Rob Roland when he was assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit and I was an Inspector for SFPD Domestic Violence Response Unit. We worked on several cases together and became friends. His dedication to his cases and his professionalism was very impressive. I can honestly say that I have met hundreds of prosecutors and yet none had the confidence and the devotion to prosecuting domestic violence crimes like Rob Roland. He charged ahead, with or without a cooperative victim, as long as he knew he could meet his burden, he had no hesitation to bring justice to our victims. It was that dedication and drive that sparked our long term friendship.

In 2005, like many of my colleagues and friends in the law enforcement community, I was shocked to hear about the allegations brought against Rob. It became a very public sight. I remember what seemed like the whole of the legal community and law enforcement community commenting on his fall from grace. I could only imagine how difficult this must have been for him. Poor decisions, poor actions, poor choices resulting in a very public lashing. Although my career in law enforcement should have taught me to steer clear from him, I witnessed his fiancé, Jean, stand by him without any hesitation. Being friends with her as well, I decided that I would not give up so easily on my ties to Rob.

After he returned from his time in Colorado, we had very little contact, that is, until after he and his wife had their first son in 2009. Rob and I reconnected and we became closer friends. I could see that Rob was a different person now. I no longer saw the hotshot prosecutor charging into court with colorful flair. I saw a more mature, devoted, and selfless man. He is a loving, devoted, loyal husband and very caring, nurturing, paternal father figure. He is still confident, still outgoing and friendly, but he has a more reserved mannerism now. He is more thoughtful, more patient, and still has the same loyalty and dedication to things that matter in his life – his wife, his children, and his profession. It was no surprise to me that Rob managed to work full-time, be a father and husband, study for the Bar Exam, and pass the Exam on his first try.

Being in law enforcement for the past 31 years, I have seen all types of criminals and victims. I have seen the justice system at its best and worst. I have also seen true rehabilitation and those who failed to rehabilitate. As I see it, Rob Roland had 2 choices after he returned: he could have kept making poor decisions and fallen even further or he could have picked up the pieces and strive to better himself. He chose the latter and that is the kind of character he has at his core. When he lost everything, including a profession that he loved, he pulled himself back up to a position where his friends and family respect and admire him. His is a true success story of rehabilitation.

I write this letter in the hopes that you will readmit Rob Roland to the California State Bar. He has matured and he has learned from his mistakes. He has never lost his desire to be an attorney and to be a complete success story, he should be readmitted to practice law. I am confident that your decision to readmit him will be the right decision for I do not see Rob Roland failing all of us again.

Sincerely,



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MICHAEL G. RAAB, ESQ.
PATRICK T. MAHONEY, ESQ.

May 9, 2013

To the Committee of Bar Examiners

Re: Rehabilitation to Practice of Law by Robert William Roland, SBN 203087

Dear Examiners:

My name is Patrick Mahoney, State Bar #192647. Since 2008, I am a private criminal defense attorney based in Los Angeles, California. In 2000, I was hired as an assistant district attorney for the San Francisco District Attorney's office, where I prosecuted violent crimes, such as domestic violence, robberies, and sex assaults. I resigned from the district attorney's office in 2008, to be more active in the care of my ailing father.

I have known Rob Roland for approximately thirteen years. We first met each other as young prosecutors at the SFDA's Office. My first impression of Rob was someone who was outgoing, overly friendly, impetuous, and somewhat cavalier. He was, however, a dedicated and extremely hard working prosecutor, who would always make time to assist colleagues by working up cases, covering calendars, or tracking down witnesses. Rob loved being a prosecutor and he was well liked among his peers. He had a very strong sense of loyalty to his friends. When I think back to those early years, it was that loyalty that kept Rob tied to some of his childhood friends, who weren't exactly the best influence on him. But he was not the type of person who was going to walk away from his friends regardless of their bad habits. This immaturity led him to bad choices.

Initially, Rob was not exactly the type of person that I would befriend. With his impetuous nature and almost brash attitude, I thought it best to be minimum acquaintances. As it happened, however, I was good friends with Jean Kang, who was to be Rob's future wife. It was through her that I came to know him better. In many ways, I think his relationship with Jean sparked positive change in Rob. This change came a little too late. Rob's arrest shook the legal community. His subsequent narcotics conviction devastated everyone close to Rob and especially Rob himself. I remember questioning myself as to whether I should walk away or maintain my friendship with Rob. Ultimately, my own compassion made me give him another chance, but it was Rob's character that made me want to be his life-long friend.

Rob accepted responsibility for his conduct and handled the appropriate punishments with respect and honor. He has never violated the terms and conditions of his plea, nor blamed others for his situation. I remember when Rob came home after his time in prison. He seemed to be the same friendly outgoing person, yet I saw a different man – one that was more thoughtful,

more subdued, compassionate, and humble. He was determined to gain back the respect of his friends, community, colleagues, and family. He immediately obtained a job in the medical device industry. He was a loving caring husband. He spent his time strengthening his marriage and starting a family. He and Jean are raising two wonderful young boys. He is a caring and gifted father. Although I have now moved to Los Angeles, we still plan family gatherings when traveling to each other's cities. My wife, two kids, and I truly enjoy our time with the Rolands, whether at home, Disneyland, or all the other kid-friendly parks and zoos. I trust Rob with the most valuable thing in my life - my family.

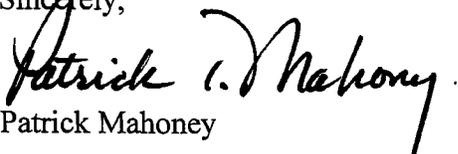
I admit that I was skeptical if Rob would be able to put his life together after this ordeal. He lost everything that was important to him – his ability to practice law, his friends, self-respect. He made poor choices and learned a very difficult lesson. However, he worked through this tragic event in his life and actually made himself an even better person today. His determination and commitment to be a better person cannot be described by mere words. He has worked hard to earn back the respect of his friends, family, and community. He has worked even harder to regain his license to practice law. Being an attorney is his true calling – he was a truly talented litigator. He is completely remorseful for his conduct and, if given the opportunity, will again be an ethical lawyer.

I have been both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. I have held people accountable, and in my latter profession, I am an advocate for rehabilitation and redemption. Our justice system seems to teach society to take responsibility for one's actions. But our justice system also embraces the concept of rehabilitation and eventually redemption. Rob accepted his fault in a criminal action that cost him his career and liberty. He turned around his life and has become a different person through rehabilitation. He deserves a chance to redeem himself as a practicing attorney once again.

I believe that Rob Roland, as he stands before you today, is an ethical, trustworthy, kind, dedicated, and passionate man, who will be an exceptional lawyer again. He is fully aware of what is important to him now – he wants to be a role model for his children and be a respectable leader in the community. He is worthy of your discretion to allow him to practice law again. Rob is fully rehabilitated and will not disappoint his family, colleagues, profession, or himself again. Without hesitation, I firmly recommend that Rob Roland be readmitted to the California State Bar.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments regarding Rob Roland. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,


Patrick Mahoney

May 28, 2012

State Bar of California

RE: Application for Reinstatement of Robert Roland, SBN 203087

To Whom It May Concern:

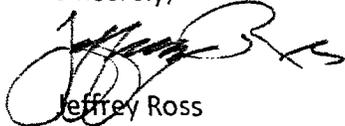
I am writing in support of Rob Roland's petition for reinstatement to the State Bar so that he may once again practice law.

I've been an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco for 27 years. I first met Mr. Roland when he was an intern in our office and got to know him better when he was hired as an ADA. I still don't know the details of how he got into trouble, but I know that he served some time in federal prison for possession of a controlled substance, and intent to distribute the same. Over the years since then I've gotten to know him and his family better. I can say unequivocally that he is a very different man from the one who made the mistakes that resulted in his prosecution.

Rob was genuinely and sincerely devastated by his misfortunes and his life since then has been exemplary. He came out of this nightmare a better man, more mature and determined to getting his life back and the respect of his friends and colleagues. When he was released from custody he got employed at a business and through hard work was regularly promoted and advanced in position. He is a tremendous and extremely responsible father to two young sons and a loving and dedicated husband to his wife Jean. With the responsibilities of a full time job and the obligations of parenting, Rob studied for and passed the State Bar exam, a significant accomplishment indicative of the vigor that he has brought to getting his professional life back.

In all candor, I like and respect Rob more now than at any time since I have known him. If anyone has paid his debt to society and redeemed himself for his wrongs, it is Rob Roland. His life truly is a story of redemption. Our system of justice is fundamentally premised upon the notion of rehabilitation, that someone convicted of a crime can right themselves and live an honorable and honest life. Rob Roland has done that and he deserves a second chance at pursuing a career as an attorney.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Ross
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May 29, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a friend of Rob Roland since 2000, when we were both working at the District Attorney's Office, I as an investigator and he as an assistant District Attorney. I have remained good friends with him to this date. I understand that in 2007, Rob pled guilty to 2 counts of possession of controlled substance, 1 count of intent to distribute and 1 count of using a telephone to aid in the commission of a felony. Since 2007, I have spent birthdays, vacations, holidays, and celebrated the births of his children with Rob and his family. I know Rob as a devoted husband, a wonderful father, a diligent worker, a loving son and an outstanding friend.

In 2008, Rob and five other friends (including his wife and me) went on a weeklong trip up the northwest coast to Oregon, Washington and down the Rogue River. Rob, having been the sole male in the group, was very tolerant of us and he looked out for our wellbeing throughout the trip. He was patient, humorous, and kind to us all during and after the trip!

In the late 2000s, Rob invited his mom to stay with him and his family while she sorted through some things and he gave her time and opportunity to figure out what she wanted to do and where she wanted to relocate to. I thought Rob was very kind and loving while his mom went through this process.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, I was sad, fearful, and vulnerable. Rob stepped in and acted as my family throughout my treatment, which ended just this year. I will forever hold Rob in a special place in my heart.

I can serve as a reliable witness to Rob's abidance to the law since 2007. I have never seen Rob violate any law since 2007.

Sincerely,



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May 14, 2013

State Bar of California

Re: Application for Reinstatement of Robert William Roland 203087

Dear Moral Character Evaluator:

I did not know Rob Roland very well at the time he ran into his difficulties; I had been back at the San Francisco D.A.'s office only a year or so. I would see him and his future wife, Jean, at mutual friends' homes from time to time or at some professional gathering. When it all exploded sensationally into public view, I recall being mighty reluctant to attend a fundraiser for Rob's legal bills. I went anyway.

So the time when I really came to know Rob was, I suppose, among the lowest points of his life. He had let his colleagues, his loved ones, and himself down in spectacular fashion. During that most difficult phase of Rob's life where the humiliation of the accusations, the local publicity, the denials, the later admissions, the nonstop buzz and gossip in the San Francisco legal community, and the devastating specter of the prosecutor going to prison became his reality, I became closer to Jean who was, by now, Rob's fiancé. With her faith in Rob and loyalty to him, I figured there was something faith-worthy and loyalty-inspiring about him. I gave Rob another look.

I watched Rob grow during the self-inflicted ordeal he went through. It is a very impressive thing to see a man who has let everyone around him down work to regain the trust of those he disappointed. Rob rebuilt those relationships and almost completely regained the respect of an audience populated by at least a few judgmental, unforgiving prosecutors.

When Rob returned from prison, I was among those who welcomed him back to our network of friends with open arms. For all the pain he caused and pain he endured, Rob came out with his sense of humor intact but also with a determination to rebuild his life. He immediately went to work and, in a profession that was new to him, earned the respect of his employers and advancement in his field.

Probably nothing makes a man mature and improve himself like parenthood. Rob Roland is a terrific dad and husband. Those responsibilities have

transformed Rob as a man. When I first met Rob (not too long before his crimes), he struck me as a shallow, almost frivolous character. Today, I find him an inspirational figure who has truly made the most of the horrible circumstances he made for himself.

I am not one who is generally ready to forgive or ready to appreciate one's rehabilitative efforts. I have been a prosecutor for most of the past 18 years. The last five have been spent prosecuting homicides in San Francisco, Indio (Riverside County), and San Francisco again. I once had a tour of duty in the juvenile milieu where a premium was placed on rehabilitation rather than punishment. I was uncomfortable with that milieu and consequently ill-suited for that mission. Exposed as I am to the underbelly of humanity, I suppose I have become a somewhat cynical man.

Nonetheless, I believe completely in the rehabilitation of Rob Roland. Today I count Rob among my very closest friends. The extra-judicial consequences of Rob's actions will, no doubt, forever deprive him of his dream of a career as a prosecutor. Those consequences should not also include barring him – forever – from the practice of law.

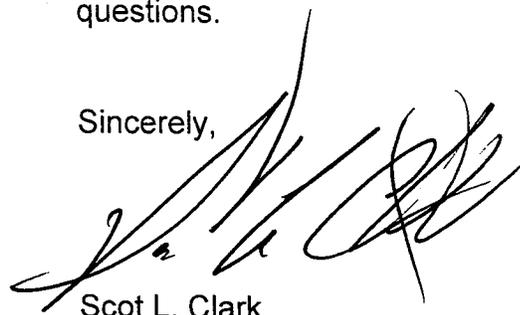
I write to you to ask you to recognize what I have come to recognize. Rob Roland has changed. He has matured, he is humbler, he is more circumspect, he is deeper, he is more purpose driven, he is truly and fully rehabilitated, and he is worthy of a shot at professional redemption. Rob Roland has earned a place in our legal family again.

The California State Bar and its members have long recognized the need for discipline and the value of education and rehabilitation. Those principles would, for me, ring hollow were they not applied to Rob who exemplifies the appropriately-disciplined but subsequently educated and fully-rehabilitated professional.

Please readmit Rob Roland to the practice of law in California. He has earned it. I am confident he will not let his colleagues, his loved ones, or himself down again.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scot L. Clark', written over a white background.

Scot L. Clark

June 27, 2013

The Law Offices of Douglas L. Rappaport
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Re: Application for Reinstatement of Robert William Roland, SBN 203087

Dear Moral Character Evaluator:

I am writing in strong support of Robert Roland's application for reinstatement to the State Bar of California.

I first came to know Rob in 2005 when I joined the San Francisco District Attorney's office. I knew him mostly by reputation—as a fun-loving, but brash and boorish prosecutor in the office. Soon after I joined the office, Rob left under the worst possible circumstances, when he was indicted and later convicted of a serious federal offense, for which he was sentenced to prison.

I didn't know Rob well back then; it was only after Rob returned from prison that I became close friends with his wife, Jean, who was also my supervisor at the time in the DA's office. Jean and Rob started their family around the same time that I got married and started my own family. Jean was my trial coach, and, as new parents and colleagues, we became very close friends. One day, I recall Jean inviting me to a party at her home. I agreed to go, but I remember feeling quite hesitant about seeing Rob. To be very frank, I wasn't sure I was comfortable associating and becoming family friends with him after what he had done.

I'm so glad now that I went that day and that I've gotten to know Rob so well. He has become one of my closest friends and has won the respect and affection of my family and my children. He is a tender, dedicated father, whose two sons adore him. He cares for the smallest details for his boys—finding the perfect, safest bottles when they were little, telling me where the best parks are in the area with the best playground sets. Rob is genuinely thrilled just to be here and is grateful for his life. Indeed, for all he has put Jean and himself through, I have never once—not once—seen him feel sorry for himself. He hasn't once complained. It's because he knows that he's not a victim in this. He has insight into what he did, why it was wrong, and he has taken responsibility for it—to learn from it, to repair his relationships and his life, and to cherish those who around him.

As strange as it sounds, Rob is a better person for what he has gone through. I would never wish all of this—wrongdoing, a felony conviction and incarceration for anyone, to be sure—but Rob has taken that terribly harsh experience—and the loss and shame associated with it—and used it to become a better man. He's a Dad first, a good friend and loving husband, and someone who has been utterly humbled by running *through*, rather than running *from*, the consequences of his actions. He deserves, in my

view, a chance at redeeming his career. I think he has an enormous amount of compassion, judgment, and maturity that he didn't before. He is honest and has enormous integrity.

For prosecutors, as I was in the DA's office and continue to be in the Attorney General's office, the concept of punishment is familiar. For every crime, there is a penalty. But perhaps less familiar in practice is the principle that justice requires more than mere punishment. To do justice sometimes requires a chance at redemption. Rob has earned a chance at redemption. He has accepted responsibility for his actions, faced the consequences head-up, and is a grateful, productive, genuinely good person who I believe will never embarrass himself, his family or his profession again. Please give your closest consideration to readmitting Rob to the practice of law.

Sincerely,

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April 26, 2013

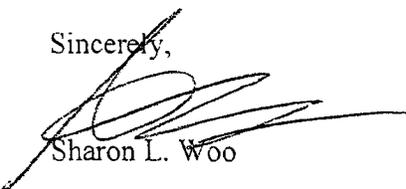
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my former colleague and friend, Robert Roland. I met Rob when we worked together as Assistant District Attorneys for the City and County of San Francisco. I also supervised Rob when he prosecuted misdemeanor domestic violence cases. I found Rob to be bright, articulate and responsible. Prosecuting domestic violence cases can be difficult and frenetic. Rob was always prepared on his own caseload and also willing to assist other team members on their cases. His easy going yet professional manner reassured victims and eased their fears.

I cannot nor will I comment on the difficulties in which Rob found himself, the culmination of which lead to a criminal conviction, incarceration and the loss of his ability to practice law. But I would like to address the concept of redemption. Throughout Rob's legal difficulties, I remained friends with his wife Jean, also an Assistant District Attorney. I have since renewed my friendship with Rob. While Rob's experiences may have left some jaded and cynical, I have found the opposite with Rob. In the past five (5) years, I have witnessed strong character traits in Rob. He is unfailing dedicated to his wife and children. He is incredibly involved in the lives of his two young sons. He has overcome hurdles to become gainfully employed to financially support his family. He is a trustworthy and dependable friend. He is someone that others rely upon and he takes that responsibility extremely seriously.

No one knows what the future holds, but I feel assured that Rob's future is not defined by mistakes of the past but by his personal strength, love and support he has from those who surround him.

Sincerely,



Sharon L. Woo

Subject: Rob Roland letter 2.0

From: Dan Goins <dgoins@eaglerider.com>

Date: 8/24/2013 10:29 AM

To: <admin@sfcrimlaw.com>

State Bar of California.

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter on behalf of Robert Roland.

I've known Rob since the first grade. I had just moved to Los Gatos from San Diego. I was marched in to my new class room at my new school in my new town and the teacher asked, "who wanted to be Danny's friend?". Rob raised his hand and that pretty much sealed it. The new school, town and class just wasn't so bad after that. I've never forgotten that day. Rob and I were best friends for many years and all of our most formative. When I think about Rob in those years I remember a kid who was always looking to make other people happy. As we grew up and got in to high school that trait seemed to take a bad turn. He would do things to please people that weren't in his best interest. I also think that making those decisions came less from a place of wanting to help and more from a place of wanting to be the cool kid. It affected our friendship and we didn't hang around as much. I hated to see him be manipulated by the people around him.

Rob and I rekindled our friendship a few years ago. When we first met I wasn't sure what kind of man I would be face to face with. We had seen each other occasionally over the years after high school and it didn't seem like much had changed. A little more arrogance and still hanging around people willing to use his good nature against him. Now with a good amount of time behind us and a prison stint for him I was pleased to find a changed man. The Rob I met up with for lunch was a truly new person. He was completely upfront with me about what had happened to him and the choices he had made that got him in a really bad situation. He saw how he had put himself in a position to be manipulated. Finally after years he saw that putting himself at risk to help out a "friend" made no sense. He paid a heavy price for not learning that lesson earlier. This was a man who was now able to set boundaries and put his own self-interest first.

Rob and I have spent a lot of time talking about his time behind bars and the events that led to his incarceration. He used his time locked up to work on himself and to mature. The man he is today is not who he once was. He has rebuilt his life with dignity focusing on being a father and a husband. I ask that you re-instate him to the Bar. He has and continues to do the work making him worth a second chance.

Thanks for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions about Robert and can be reached by phone or email.

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John Kang
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June 29, 2013

Re: Robert William Roland Reinstatement

To Whom It May Concern:

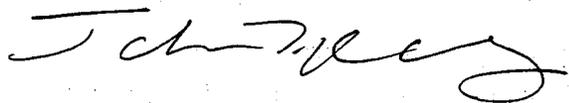
I am writing this letter in support of reinstatement for Rob Roland. I first met Rob when he started to date my sister, Jean, though I really didn't get to know him on a personal level until he got back from serving his prison term in Colorado. As soon as he returned, he expressed that he wanted to find a job right away and be productive. He told me that he wanted to be a good husband and be respected by his friends and family, despite the mistakes he had made. His devotion to my sister and his ambition to succeed convinced me that he deserved a second chance.

I helped Rob get a job at Cytoc Medical Inc., a biomedical company in Sunnyvale, CA. I was his supervisor in his position as Complaint Investigator. His main assignment was to receive used medical devices which were reported as defective and investigate why the device malfunctioned – device error or human error. This assignment required him to sift through complaints, investigate defective devices, and draft an accurate report. It is a position that required honesty and ethics because the company relied on Rob to investigate the complaints thoroughly and may require him to draft a report indicating device failure which could impact the reputation of the company. Rob was honest, ethical, and exemplary.

After Cytoc, we both moved to another medical device company, Cardiva Medical. I again was his supervisor. Rob was hired as the Document Control Specialist. He managed documents related to manufacturing and quality control of medical devices. He earned the respect of the company and showed himself to be trustworthy. He was assigned additional roles, including Regulatory Compliance Specialist. In this role, Rob shows strong moral and ethical character. He is responsible in ensuring that the company remains compliant with all FDA guidelines. Not only does he strictly comply with policies and procedures, he also assists with FDA audits when the company is reviewed by an independent auditor. The company relies on Rob to be transparent, trustworthy, ethical, responsible, and honest – all qualities that Rob has demonstrated.

I am fully aware of the nature of the criminal convictions that led to his disbarment. Knowing about these criminal actions, I continue to have the highest opinions when it comes to Rob's character. He has always demonstrated the highest moral and ethical qualities. I fully support Rob's re-admittance to practice law in California.

Sincerely,

 6/29/2013.

John Kang

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LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF ROB ROLAND TO CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

July 2, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. Roland for approximately thirteen years. Our paths may have crossed during law school but I truly came to know Mr. Roland when he started interning and then working for the San Francisco District Attorney Office. I know from conversations with Rob that he grew up young and fast. While he stepped up and committed to fatherhood at an extremely young age, which many people his age were not mature enough to do, he was robbed of a childhood as a result.

Rob was by far one of the most dedicated and committed Assistant District Attorney's that have come through this office. I remember a domestic violence case where he drove to the Oakland airport to get his victim because the Inspector, our investigators, etc. could not and he was not going to have her take BART. If you ever needed help, coverage, or assistance in any way, Rob was there to lay a helping hand and never needed anything in return. Rob was an ethical attorney who fought the good fight and often won but, because of his lack of childhood, he sometimes lacked a moral compass in his personal life. Unfortunately this led to some poor choices and his disbarment.

Even after Rob's indiscretion I supported him and stood by his side throughout the criminal case, during his time in prison and after. We corresponded while he was in prison and I can say that by the time he left he had matured into a well-balanced man. The change began, I believe when he started dating future wife. She helped complete the package for Rob, provided a stable life, was a good role model and gave him the love and support he needed to grow as a man.

Rob is the same person today as he was before but now he has a stronger ethical compass in all aspects of his life, has dealt with his shortcomings and as a result will probably be an even

better attorney than he was before. The State of California would be lucky to have him back practicing and I can't think of another person who better deserves a second chance.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Regards:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Cogan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Leslie Cogan

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May 13, 2013

The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

To the State Bar of California,

As a current member of the Bar, I am asking you to readmit Robert Roland (Bar Number 203087) to the California Bar. I have known Mr. Roland for the past five years. I have witnessed Mr. Roland mature into fatherhood after the birth of his two sons. I have personally witnessed Mr. Roland's deep commitment to his family and his community. Moreover, I have seen him support his mother, financially and emotionally, as she struggled with cancer. He is more than deserving of a second chance through reinstatement to the Bar. I have no doubt he will contribute in a positive and impactful way to the legal profession if given the opportunity.

I am aware that the State Bar disbarred Mr. Roland due to a drug-related offense. As an Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco, I note that I have prosecuted drug-related offenders. My experience has been that many of these individuals are non-violent and can be rehabilitated through treatment and counseling. Mr. Roland is a non-violent individual, has undergone counseling, and has more than compensated society for his bad choices. He has been adequately punished. It makes no sense to keep punishing him.

As a prosecutor I strive for excellence every day. However, all people experience both failures and successes in life. It is often in those moments where mistakes are made that one learns the most and experiences personal growth. Mr. Roland committed an act for which the Bar determined that disbarment was warranted. But it is my honest opinion from knowing him and speaking with him that Mr. Roland has learned from his failure and matured over the past six years. He is truly a different person than he was in April of 2006, and deserves this second chance.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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Memorandum

San Francisco Police Department



To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

APPROVED YES NO

From: SGT./ INSP ALBERT LUM #1606 *AL*
CENTRAL STATION INVESTIAGTIONS/ *1602*

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Subject: MR. ROBERT ROLAND

I am respectfully writing this memorandum as my personal endorsement of ROBERT ROLAND.

I am a police officer in San Francisco for 33 years, and has been a sergeant/ inspector for the last 18 years. When I was working as a investigator in the Domestic Violence Unit in the late 1990's, I had the privilege to work with Rob as he was one the assistant district attorneys assigned to review and prosecute domestic violence crimes. Overall, Rob had the tenacity and skills to juggle and deal with a continuously growing number of cases while always being compassionate and professional to his victims. I saw no flaws in the way and style of how he prosecuted and dealt with many domestic violence cases over several years.

Over the last few years, I have had contact with Rob through several family and social gatherings. Rob as maintained his desire to continue in the law field, and I am sure has been working hard to once again achieve his goal. I am hopeful that he will achieve that status once again, and I am sure that he can perform admirably in any future positions. I am more than willing to give my positive reference for Rob.

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Letters re Petitioner's Rehabilitation

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April 23, 2015

To the Committee of Bar Examiners:

I write this letter to verify the time that Robert Roland has spent volunteering at the Justice & Diversity Center's Legal Advice and Referral Clinic (LARC) in San Francisco's Bayview neighborhood. Bayview LARC is a walk-in clinic that is held monthly to provide low-income people with legal advice or referrals from experienced attorneys in various areas of law. In addition to volunteer attorneys, the LARCs are staffed by non-attorney volunteers who conduct client intakes, interpret, and assist with the client services flow.

Mr. Roland has been a non-attorney volunteer at the Bayview LARC from August 2014 through March 2015. He has assisted with setting up and breaking down the clinic, conducted client intakes, and has recently been assisting with client flow and training new volunteers on the clinic procedures. He has demonstrated great maturity in handling clients during the intake process and has proven to be a valuable asset to this project. During the course of his time volunteering with us, my colleague, Marie Appel, and I have found Mr. Roland to be a hard worker, dependable, thoughtful, resourceful, and team-player.

Thank you for taking this information into consideration. Please feel free to contact me if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,


Mairi S. McKeever
Director/Managing Attorney
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Rob Roland

Yolanda Jackson

Yolanda Jackson, Executive Director

May 12, 2015

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MATTHEW THOMAS BUNNETT

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April 19, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Matthew Bunnett, and I am the outgoing Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*, here at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). I am writing in connection to Robert Roland, who spoke at an event we put on at school titled "Robert Roland: Prosecutorial Ethics, Professional Responsibility and the Road to Reinstatement" on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The event can be found on the Berkeley Law event calendar at: <http://ems.law.berkeley.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?data=hHr80o3M7J6ubOEtwankflCxlJ3V7nH9M%2fmYiT3FcuJlm3Y%2fUfmPJBuHhlzQu5L>.

At that event, Mr. Roland spoke about his experiences, the conduct leading up to his disbarment, and the law governing the disbarment of lawyers and reinstatement. Approximately 75 people attended the event, and many questions were asked by students and answered by Mr. Roland during the event.

Sincerely,



Matthew Bunnett

Leland Communications

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To whom it may concern
March 20, 2015
Re: Robert Roland

I am an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, teaching Legal Ethics. Last year (Spring semester 2014), Rob Roland contacted me to offer to speak to my seminar about his own ethical transgressions and the consequences to his life and career. I believed Mr. Roland's story would provide a good object lesson for my students about the ways even a good person can err. And I was right: the students had a very good discussion about moral character and social responsibility.

Equally important to the students was Mr. Roland's intent to turn his life around. Exposing his faults, literally holding himself up to further ridicule and embarrassment, to help others avoid similar problems was a good example of giving back. I can think of no more important lesson for the future lawyers in my class to receive. Indeed, had we simply discussed the State Bar discipline process (which we also did), I would have considered Mr. Roland's guest appearance an important contribution to the class. Because we also had a good discussion of right and wrong, crime and rehabilitation, it was even more valuable.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you my experience with Mr. Roland's commitment to use his story to make a contribution to the California bar.

Most sincerely,

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March 23, 2015

To the State Bar of California
Re: Rob Roland Re-admission

I am a retired 35 year veteran of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and currently an Adjunct Law Professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law. I teach an ethics and practical skills seminar entitled "Trial Advocacy and the Ethical Prosecutor". When Rob approached me last summer to offer a morality lesson to my students on his own experience in the criminal justice system, I jumped at the chance. He has now spoken to both my summer class (last June) and my current Spring class (last month; I don't give the seminar in the fall). These discussions are so lively, and so helpful to the students, that I have signed Rob up again in the summer (this June).

He discusses his love of the law and especially the SF District Attorney's Office (where I first met Rob and came to rely on his cheerful and always-helpful attitude). He then discusses the outside peer pressures that lead to his criminal charges, the court process, and the bottoming-out upon conviction and sentencing to federal prison. His family's strength throughout his short incarceration helped sustain him, and now are nurturing his recovery as he has become a loving father and role model to his two young sons.

The classes listen intently, then, on his request, pepper him with intense questions. Most focus on prison life, especially for one who formerly sent criminals to that venue. But the most astute students wonder if he still has a respect for criminal prosecution, or if he might gravitate to the defense once he is allowed to practice law again. Overall, however, the students learn powerful lessons about right and wrong life choices, handling pressures in their lives, overcoming adversity, and the value of a lawful, moral life. I greatly value Rob's addition to my ethics class, and plan to continue to invite him to present his powerful story, even after you allow his admission (which I believe he has earned and certainly deserves).

I hope this letter convinces you he is well on the right path of redemption.

Sincerely,



Jerry P. Coleman

Assistant District Attorney (ret.), and Adjunct Professor of Law



Lauren Schweizer <lauren@sfcrlaw.com>

Lecture before U.S.F ethics class.

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Richard Heafey <richardheafey@gmail.com>
To: Lauren Schweizer <lauren@sfcrlaw.com>

Tue, May 5, 2015 at 1:58 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I am an Adjunct Professor of legal ethics at the University of San Francisco school of law. Rob Roland asks me if it would be worth while for him to present his professional experience as an assistant district attorney, subsequently disbarred attorney, and current applicant for reinstatement to the bar, to my class.

I agree that the topic would be appropriate for a legal ethics class, and on April 3, 2014 he told his story to my class. The theme was his cautionary tale of carelessness, shame, disbarment, and rehabilitation.

Richard Heafey

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Lauren Schweizer <lauren@sfcrlaw.com>

Rob Roland

Carol M Langford <langford@usfca.edu>
To: Lauren Schweizer <lauren@sfcrlaw.com>
Cc: Marilyn Flores <admin@sfcrlaw.com>

Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 1:06 PM

Hi Lauren. Things are pretty busy around here, but this e-mail should assist you and the court. Rob Roland spoke at my Professional Responsibility class at U.C. Berkeley, Boalt Hall on substance abuse. I had him talk so that the students could understand how substance abuse can derail a career. He did a great job, showing understanding of his problem and showing the students that a lawyer can have a bad period in his life and come back from it. He understands that he will live with this problem forever, but I felt absolutely assured that he has the skills to cope with it. He will make a great lawyer, and I have no doubt that he will never have a problem with the Bar again. He gets my highest recommendation.

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I am a citizen of the United States. My business address is 268 Bush Street, # 4042, San Francisco, CA 94104. I am employed with Nor Cal Courier & Legal Services with a principle place of business in the City and County of San Francisco. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within cause. I personally served the attached **PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT** on the following person(s) on the date set forth below:

State Bar of California
Attn. Hearing Department
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 12th day of June, 2015 at San Francisco, California.



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