

# PUBLIC MATTER

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STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of:

Case No. 16-N-11047

GEOFFREY CARL MORRISON,  
 No. 172059,

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

A Member of the State Bar.

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

**IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE  
 WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT  
 THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:**

- (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
- (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU  
 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
- (3) YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN  
 THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION  
 AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**
- (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.  
 SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE  
 OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN  
 ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT  
 FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,  
 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.**

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The State Bar of California alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. Geoffrey Carl Morrison ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on December 1, 1994, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

COUNT ONE

Case No. 16-N-11047  
California Rules of Court, rule 9.20  
[Failure to Obey Rule 9.20]

2. Respondent failed to file a declaration of compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20 in conformity with the requirements of rule 9.20(c) with the clerk of the State Bar Court by January 26, 2016, as required by Supreme Court order no. S228896, in willful violation of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20. (A true and correct copy of the rule 9.20 order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated by reference.)

NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

**YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.**

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**NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

**IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: 6/14/2016

By:   
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Jamie Kim  
Deputy Trial Counsel

(State Bar Court Nos. 12-O-10959 (12-O-13917; 12-O-14404); 12-O-16859  
(13-O-11923); 12-C-17628)

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**S228896**

**En Banc**

**SUPREME COURT  
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**In re GEOFFREY CARL MORRISON on Discipline**

**Frank A. McGuire Cler  
Deputy**

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The court orders that Geoffrey Carl Morrison, State Bar Number 172059, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

1. Geoffrey Carl Morrison is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first two years of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He makes restitution to the following payees (or reimburses the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the fund to the payees, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles:
    - (1) Robert Jensen in the amount of \$15,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 15, 2011;
    - (2) Martin Alvarez in the amount of \$10,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 1, 2011; and
    - (3) Maximiano Mendoza in the amount of \$15,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from October 21, 2011.
  - ii. He provides proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

2. Geoffrey Carl Morrison must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Decision filed on July 10, 2015.
3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Geoffrey Carl Morrison has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Geoffrey Carl Morrison must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination during the period of his suspension and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

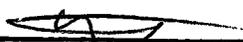
Geoffrey Carl Morrison must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. One-third of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019. If Geoffrey Carl Morrison fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

I, Frank A. McGuire, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that the preceding is a true copy of an order of this Court as shown by the records of my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this

\_\_\_\_ day of NOV 17 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

By:   
Deputy

CANTIL-SAKAUYE  
Chief Justice

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by

U.S. FIRST-CLASS MAIL / U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL / OVERNIGHT DELIVERY / FACSIMILE-ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

CASE NUMBER(s): 16-N-11047

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017-2515, declare that:

- on the date shown below, I caused to be served a true copy of the within document described as follows:

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))

- in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles.

By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))

By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))

- I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS').

By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))

Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request.

By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person(s) at the electronic addresses listed herein below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.

(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested,

Article No.: 7196 9008 9111 1008 3190 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS,

Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

Person Served	Business-Residential Address	Fax Number
Geoffrey Carl Morrison	4522 New Hampshire St. San Diego, CA 92116	Electronic Address

I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS'). In the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day, and for overnight delivery, deposited with delivery fees paid or provided for, with UPS that same day.

I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: June 15, 2016

SIGNED: Sandra Reynolds  
Sandra Reynolds  
Declarant