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#### HEARING DEPARTMENT-LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of: 10 CASE NO.: 16-0-10875 11 George A Saba Member No. 134316 RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE 12 OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES 13 A Member of the State Bar. JUDGE: The Honorable Donald F. 14 Miles 15 16

George A Saba, Respondent herein, answers the allegations of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges, dated January 12, 2017, which was served upon Respondent by certified *mail* on January 14, 2017, as follows:

#### JURISDICTION

1. Respondent admits the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges.

#### COUNT ONE

Case No. 16-0-10875
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)
[Maintaining an Unjust Action]

2. Respondent denies each and all, generally and specifically, each of the allegations of paragraph 2 of the Notice of Disciplinary

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Charges. Respondent contends that there is a lack of clear and convincing evidence to support this culpability finding.

## COUNT TWO

Case No. 15-0-10875
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)
[Failure to Obey a Court Order]

3. Respondent denies each and all, generally and specifically, each of the allegations of paragraph 3 of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges. Respondent contends that there is a lack of clear and convincing evidence to support this culpability finding.

## COUNT THREE

Case No. 15-0-10706
Business and Professions Code, section 6103
[Failure to Report Judicial Sanctions]

4. Respondent denies each and all, generally and specifically, each of the allegations of paragraph 4 of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges. Respondent contends that there is a lack of clear and convincing evidence to support this culpability finding.

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent alleges that the Subject Orders to pay sanctions were procured by fraud on the Court and is voidable if not Void.

# SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent alleges that the State Bar is barred from any relief or recovery against Respondent, because of the Complaining Party's unclean hands, which relate directly to the Orders that are the subject of the State Bar's claims.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent alleges that the State Bar is barred from relief under the doctrine of Equitable Estoppel.

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#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent alleges that the State Bar is barred from relief under the doctrine of Laches.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent alleges that the State Bar is barred from relief under the doctrine of Collateral Estoppel.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Notice of Disciplinary Charges, and each count thereof, fails to state any claim upon which relief can be granted.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The present charges against Respondent are unlawful and unconstitutional in that they are the result of the State Bar's unlawful selective prosecution of Respondent.

## EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If there was any unlawfulness with respect to the matters against Respondent charged in Counts One to THREE, such unlawfulness was not apparent to Respondent at the time the events occurred, and thus no violation took place. Anderson v. Creighton (1987) 483 U.S. 635, 640.

# NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses if and when further preparation and discovery procedures may reveal the same.

WHEREFORE, Respondent requests that the Court grant judgment:

Dismissing the Charges and denying all relief to the State Bar; and granting judgment in Respondent's favor;

1	2. Granting such other and further relief as may be permitted by law
2	and as the Court may deem just and proper.
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4	Respectfully Submitted,
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6	Dated: January 14, 2017
7	GEORGE A SABA Respondent
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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

I am employed in the County of Riverside, State of California. I am, and was at the time mentioned in this declaration, over the age of 18 years. I am not a party to the within action. My address is:

2514 GLENBUSH CIRCLE CORONA, CA 92882-8600

On July 14, 2017 following ordinary business practices, I served the foregoing described as:

#### RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

On the parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in sealed envelope(s) addressed as follows:

#### (xx) By MAIL:

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL 845 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90017-2515 ATTN: ROSE LUTHI

By email to:

ALEX HACKERT, ESQ. STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA 845 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90017-2515

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 14, 2017 at Corona, California.

Freda I SABA