

PUBLIC MATTER

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12 In the Matter of:) Case No. 16-O-16422
 13 RICHARD DENNIS COATS,)
 14 No. 117285,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
 15 A Member of the State Bar)

NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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

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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Richard Dennis Coats ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State
4 of California on January 24, 1985, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is
5 currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 16-O-16422
8 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k)
9 [Failure to Comply With Conditions of Probation]

10 2. Respondent failed to comply with conditions attached to Respondent's disciplinary
11 probation in State Bar Case no. 14-O-01611 as follows, in willful violation of Business and
12 Professions Code, section 6068(k) by:

- 13 A) Failing to submit one quarterly report by its due date of July 10, 2016, or at
14 any time thereafter;
- 15 B) Failing to submit his final report by its due date of July 19, 2016, or at any
16 time thereafter; and
- 17 C) Failing to attend State Bar Ethics School and failing to submit proof of
18 attendance at Ethics School by the due date of July 19, 2016, or at any other
19 time.

20 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

29 NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

30 **IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC
31 DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS
32 INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**

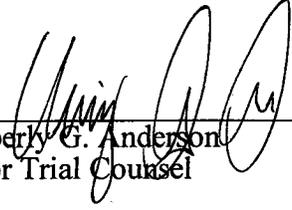
1 **AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND**
2 **PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

3 Respectfully submitted,

4 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
5 OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

6 DATED: October 26, 2016

7 By: _____

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9 Kimberly G. Anderson
10 Senior Trial Counsel
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): 16-O-16422

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

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

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0799 58 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS, Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

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I 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: October 26, 2016

SIGNED:

Handwritten signature of Kim Wimbish

KIM WIMBISH
Declarant