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<p align="center"><b>State Bar Court of California</b>  <b>Hearing Department</b>  <b>Los Angeles</b>  <b>ACTUAL SUSPENSION PUBLIC MATTER</b></p>		
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<p>Counsel For Respondent</p> <p><b>Arthur L. Margolis</b>  <b>Margolis &amp; Margolis LLP</b>  <b>2000 Riverside Dr.</b>  <b>Los Angeles, CA 90039</b>  <b>323-953-8996</b></p> <p>Bar # 57703</p>	<p>Submitted to: <b>Assigned Judge</b></p> <p>STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND          DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING</p>	
<p>In the Matter of:  <b>STEVEN ZELIG</b></p> <p>Bar # 94654</p> <p>A Member of the State Bar of California          (Respondent)</p>	<p><b>ACTUAL SUSPENSION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED</p>	

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- (1) ☒ **Prior record of discipline**
  - (a) ☒ State Bar Court case # of prior case **08-O-11773 and 10-O-07590** (See Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein).
  - (b) ☒ Date prior discipline effective **February 9, 2012**
  - (c) ☒ Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: **Business and Professions Code sections 6068(c), 6103 and 6068(o)(3).**
  - (d) ☒ Degree of prior discipline **One year stayed suspension and two years probation.**
  - (e) ☐ If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.
- (2) ☐ **Intentional/Bad Faith/Dishonesty:** Respondent's misconduct was dishonest, intentional, or surrounded by, or followed by bad faith.
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- (6) ☐ **Uncharged Violations:** Respondent's conduct involves uncharged violations of the Business and Professions Code, or the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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- (7) ☐ **Trust Violation:** Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
- (8) ☐ **Harm:** Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public, or the administration of justice.
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- (11) ☐ **Multiple Acts:** Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing.
- (12) ☐ **Pattern:** Respondent's current misconduct demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.
- (13) ☐ **Restitution:** Respondent failed to make restitution.
- (14) ☐ **Vulnerable Victim:** The victim(s) of Respondent's misconduct was/were highly vulnerable.
- (15) ☐ **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

**Additional aggravating circumstances:**

**C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standards 1.2(i) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.**

- (1) ☐ **No Prior Discipline:** Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not likely to recur.
- (2) ☐ **No Harm:** Respondent did not harm the client, the public, or the administration of justice.
- (3) ☐ **Candor/Cooperation:** Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations and proceedings.
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- (7) ☐ **Good Faith:** Respondent acted with a good faith belief that was honestly held and objectively reasonable.
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product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and the difficulties or disabilities no longer pose a risk that Respondent will commit misconduct.

- (9) ☐ **Severe Financial Stress:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10) ☐ **Family Problems:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.
- (11) ☐ **Good Character:** Respondent's extraordinarily good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12) ☐ **Rehabilitation:** Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13) ☐ **No mitigating circumstances** are involved.

**Additional mitigating circumstances:**

Pretrial Stipulation, see pages 8-9.

#### **D. Discipline:**

- (1) ☒ **Stayed Suspension:**
- (a) ☒ Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of **two years**.
- i. ☐ and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1) Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- ii. ☐ and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii. ☐ and until Respondent does the following:
- (b) ☒ The above-referenced suspension is stayed.
- (2) ☒ **Probation:**
- Respondent must be placed on probation for a period of **two years**, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18, California Rules of Court)
- (3) ☒ **Actual Suspension:**
- (a) ☒ Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of **thirty (30) days**.
- i. ☐ and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct
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**E. Additional Conditions of Probation:**

- (1) ☐ If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law, pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- (2) ☒ During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3) ☒ Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (4) ☒ Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (5) ☒ Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (6) ☐ Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (7) ☒ Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (8) ☒ Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.  
  
☐ No Ethics School recommended. Reason: .
- (9) ☒ Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.

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(10) ☐ The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:

☐ Substance Abuse Conditions

☐ Law Office Management Conditions

☐ Medical Conditions

☐ Financial Conditions

**F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:**

(1) ☒ **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. **Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 5.162(A) & (E), Rules of Procedure.**

☐ No MPRE recommended. Reason:

(2) ☐ **Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, 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 the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.

(3) ☐ **Conditional Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.

(4) ☐ **Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]:** Respondent will be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension. Date of commencement of interim suspension:

(5) ☐ **Other Conditions:**

**ATTACHMENT TO**  
**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION**

IN THE MATTER OF:                      STEVEN ZELIG

CASE NUMBER:                          17-C-1652-CV

**FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense for which he was convicted involved other misconduct warranting discipline.

**Case No. 17-C-1652-CV (Conviction Proceedings)**

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND IN CONVICTION PROCEEDING:**

1. This is a proceeding pursuant to sections 6101 and 6102 of the Business and Professions Code and rule 9.10 of the California Rules of Court.

2. On August 8, 2016, the Los Angeles County District Attorney filed a criminal complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, case no. 6CJ12203, charging respondent with one count of violating Penal Code section 242 [Battery], a misdemeanor, one count of violating Penal Code section 415(1) [Challenging Another to a Fight], an infraction, one count of violating Penal Code section 415(2) [Causing Disturbance to Another by Loud and Unreasonable Noise], a misdemeanor and one count of violating Penal Code section 647(f) [Under Influence of Liquor in Public Place], a misdemeanor.

3. On April 13, 2017, respondent pled no contest to one count of violating Penal Code section 242 [Battery], a misdemeanor and one count of violating of Penal Code section 415(1) [Challenging Another to a Fight], an infraction. On that date, the court accepted respondent's plea, found him guilty, and dismissed the remaining two counts.

4. On April 13, 2017, the court suspended the imposition of sentence and placed respondent on summary probation for a period of 36 months, including without limitation, incarceration in the county jail for 34 days, or 20 days of community service in lieu of jail, and the requirement that respondent pay a restitution fine of \$150.

5. On July 6, 2017, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order referring the matter to the Hearing Department for a hearing an decision recommending the discipline to be imposed, in the event that the Hearing Department finds that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offenses for which respondent was convicted involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline.

**FACTS:**

6. On July 19, 2016, Los Angeles Police Department Officers responded to a call of a battery in downtown Los Angeles.

7. When the officers arrived, they saw respondent and an adult male, ("victim") lying on the street in front of a restaurant with respondent on top of the victim.

8. The victim told the officers that there was a dispute inside the restaurant and respondent was verbally attacking another waiter. Respondent was escorted out of the restaurant.

9. As respondent left the restaurant, he punched the victim in the face, which caused a small laceration and swelling to the victim's face.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

10. The facts and circumstances surrounding the above-described violations did not involve moral turpitude but did involve other misconduct warranting discipline.

#### ADDITIONAL FACTS RE: AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

**Prior Record of Discipline: Std. 1.5(a):** Effective on February 9, 2012, respondent was disciplined for misconduct which occurred in two client matters. Respondent stipulated to six counts of misconduct for pursuing a frivolous appeal, disobeying court orders by failing to pay sanctions timely, maintaining an unjust action and not reporting sanctions to the bar within 30 days. Respondent received a one-year stayed suspension, was placed on probation for two years with terms and conditions, including the requirement that he attend Ethics School within one year and take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. Respondent's conduct was mitigated by no prior record of discipline and family problems, but aggravated by multiple acts.

#### ADDITIONAL FACTS RE: MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

**Pretrial Stipulation:** By entering into this stipulation, respondent has acknowledged misconduct and is entitled to mitigation for recognition of wrongdoing and saving the State Bar significant resources and time. *Silva-Vidor v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 1071, 1079 [where mitigative credit was given for entering into a stipulation as to facts and culpability]; *In the Matter of Spaith* (Review Dept. 1996) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 511, 521 [where the attorney's stipulation to facts and culpability was held to be a mitigating circumstance].)

#### AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

The Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct "set forth a means for determining the appropriate disciplinary sanction in a particular case and to ensure consistency across cases dealing with similar misconduct and surrounding circumstances." (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.1. All further references to standards are to this source.) The standards help fulfill the primary purposes of discipline, which include: protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; maintenance of the highest professional standards; and preservation of public confidence in the legal profession. (See std. 1.1; *In re Morse* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 184, 205.)

Although not binding, the standards are entitled to "great weight" and should be followed "whenever possible" in determining level of discipline. (*In re Silverton* (2005) 36 Cal.4th 81, 92, quoting *In re Brown* (1995) 12 Cal.4th 205, 220 and *In re Young* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 257, 267, fn. 11.) Adherence to the standards in the great majority of cases serves the valuable purpose of eliminating disparity and assuring consistency, that is, the imposition of similar attorney discipline for instances of similar attorney



misconduct. (*In re Naney* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 190.) If a recommendation is at the high end or low end of a standard, an explanation must be given as to how the recommendation was reached. (Std. 1.1.) "Any disciplinary recommendation that deviates from the Standards must include clear reasons for the departure." (Std. 1.1; *Blair v. State Bar* (1989) 49 Cal.3d 762, 776, fn. 5.)

In determining whether to impose a sanction greater or less than that specified in a given standard, in addition to the factors set forth in the specific standard, consideration is to be given to the primary purposes of discipline; the balancing of all aggravating and mitigating circumstances; the type of misconduct at issue; whether the client, public, legal system or profession was harmed; and the member's willingness and ability to conform to ethical responsibilities in the future. (Stds. 1.7(b) and (c).)

In a conviction referral proceeding, "discipline is imposed according to the gravity of the crime and circumstances of the case." (*In the Matter of Katz* (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 502, 510.) Respondent's culpability in this proceeding is conclusively established by the record of his convictions. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6101, subd. (a); *In re Crooks* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 1090, 1097.) Respondent is presumed to have committed all of the elements of the crimes of which he was convicted. (*In re Duggan* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 416, 423; *In the Matter of Respondent O* (Review Dept. 1993) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 581,588.)

Here, respondent was convicted of a violation of Penal Code sections 242 and 415(1), a misdemeanor and an infraction, respectively. Respondent willfully and unlawfully used force and violence upon the restaurant employee by punching him in the face. His actions were aggressive and hostile, which ultimately resulted in the employee having to defend himself and sustaining a small cut to his face before police arrived. However, respondent's battery conviction does not involve moral turpitude per se, but involves other misconduct warranting discipline. See *In re Otto* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 970.) As such, Standard 2.16(b) applies to respondent's conduct and provides that suspension or reproof is the presumed sanction for final conviction of a misdemeanor not involving moral turpitude but involving other misconduct warranting discipline.

To determine the appropriate level of discipline, consideration must also be given to Standard 1.8(a), which states that if the member has a prior record of discipline, the sanction must be greater than the previously imposed sanction unless the prior discipline was so remote in time and the previous misconduct was not serious enough that imposing greater discipline would be manifestly unjust. Respondent's prior was effective on February 9, 2012 and involved violations of Business and Professions Code sections 6103, 6068(c) and 6068(o)(3) in two separate client matters. The prior discipline is recent and was serious, therefore, imposing greater discipline would not be manifestly unjust.

The aggravating factor outweighs the single mitigating factor, therefore, discipline at the higher end of the range of discipline set forth in standard 2.16(b) is warranted. Discipline consisting of two years' of probation, including 30-days actual suspension, on the terms and conditions set forth herein is appropriate and will protect the public, maintain high professional standards, and preserve public confidence in the legal profession.

### **COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of September 22, 2017, the discipline costs in this matter are \$2,629. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

### **EXCLUSION FROM MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION ("MCLE") CREDIT**

Respondent may not receive MCLE credit for completion of State Bar Ethics School ordered as a condition of his probation. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

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### SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

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Date

Respondent's Signature

Steven Zelig

Print Name

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Date

Respondent's Counsel Signature

Arthur L. Margolis

Print Name

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Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature

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### ACTUAL SUSPENSION ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- ☐ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☒ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☐ All Hearing dates are vacated.

"11" is added at the bottom of the page titled "SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES".

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure.) **The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)**

November 2, 2017  
Date

Cynthia Valenzuela  
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Judge of the State Bar Court



(State Bar Court Nos. 08-O-11773 (10-O-07590))

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

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In re STEVEN ZELIG on Discipline

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The court orders that Steven Zelig, State Bar Number 94654, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

1. Steven Zelig must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on September 12, 2011; and
2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Steven Zelig has complied with the terms of probation, the one-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Steven Zelig must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

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.

I, Frederick K. Ohlrich, 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

10 day of January 2012  
Clerk

By: [Signature]  
Deputy

**CANTIL-SAKAUYE**

Chief Justice

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- (3) ☐ **Trust Violation:** Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
- (4) ☐ **Harm:** Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice.
- (5) ☐ **Indifference:** Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.



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- (6) ☐ **Lack of Cooperation:** Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.
- (7) ☒ **Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct:** Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.
- (8) ☐ **No aggravating circumstances** are involved.

**Additional aggravating circumstances**

**C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standard 1.2(e)]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.**

- (1) ☐ **No Prior Discipline:** Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.
- (2) ☐ **No Harm:** Respondent did not harm the client or person who was the object of the misconduct.
- (3) ☐ **Candor/Cooperation:** Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.
- (4) ☐ **Remorse:** Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.
- (5) ☐ **Restitution:** Respondent paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
- (6) ☐ **Delay:** These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.
- (7) ☐ **Good Faith:** Respondent acted in good faith.
- (8) ☐ **Emotional/Physical Difficulties:** At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and Respondent no longer suffers from such difficulties or disabilities.
- (9) ☐ **Severe Financial Stress:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10) ☒ **Family Problems:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature. During the period of misconduct, Respondent was caring for a son who had been diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis and was developmentally delayed. In addition, Respondent provided care to his parents, who both became ill during the period in question and provided care to another family member who experienced difficulties.

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- (11) ☐ **Good Character:** Respondent's good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12) ☐ **Rehabilitation:** Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13) ☐ **No mitigating circumstances** are involved.

**Additional mitigating circumstances**

Respondent was admitted to the practice of law on December 16, 1980 and has no prior record of discipline.

#### **D. Discipline:**

(1) ☒ **Stayed Suspension:**

(a) ☒ Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of One (1) year.

- i. ☐ and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- ii. ☐ and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.
- iii. ☐ and until Respondent does the following:

The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

(2) ☒ **Probation:**

Respondent is placed on probation for a period of Two (2) years, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18 California Rules of Court.)

#### **E. Additional Conditions of Probation:**

- (1) ☒ During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (2) ☒ Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (3) ☒ Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (4) ☒ Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (5) ☐ Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.

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- (6) ☒ Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (7) ☒ Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the State Bar Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- ☐ No Ethics School recommended. Reason: .
- (8) ☐ Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.
- (9) ☐ The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions         | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions             |

**F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:**

- (1) ☒ **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation within one year. **Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 5.162(A) & (E), Rules of Procedure.**
- ☐ No MPRE recommended. Reason:
- (2) ☒ **Other Conditions:**

**PAYMENT OF SANCTIONS:**

Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline in these matters, Respondent shall pay the sanctions as ordered by the court in the underlying matters as set forth below:

Case number	Party Owed	Amount
08-O-11773	Scottsdale Insurance Company	\$8,250
08-O-11773	Scottsdale Insurance Company	\$7,500

Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of the payments made by Respondent during the applicable reporting period. Such proof must be in a form satisfactory to the Office of Probation.

**ATTACHMENT TO**  
**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION**

IN THE MATTER OF: Steven Zelig

CASE NUMBER(S): 08-O-11773; 10-O-07590

**FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Case No. 08-O-11773 (State Bar Investigation)**

**Facts related to Regency Complaint**

1. On January 17, 1994, Regency Royale Homeowners Association ("Regency") allegedly sustained damaged in the Northridge earthquake. In June 1994, Regency submitted an application for earthquake insurance to Scottsdale Insurance Company ("Scottsdale") stating that it had sustained no losses in the previous five years and Scottsdale issued insurance coverage to Regency.
2. On December 31, 2001, in pursuit of Regency's earthquake insurance claim, Respondent filed a civil action against Scottsdale entitled *Waldman et al. v. Golden Bear et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, case no. BC265308 (the "Regency complaint").
3. Between January 2002 and May 2002, Scottsdale informed Regency's insurance adjuster that Scottsdale did not insure Regency until six months after the Northridge earthquake. On July 8, 2002, Respondent served the Regency complaint on Scottsdale.
4. In October 2002, Scottsdale provided documentation in discovery showing that Scottsdale issued its insurance policy to Regency six months after the Northridge earthquake. In addition, Regency's insurance adjuster told Respondent's office that Farmers and State Farm insured Regency's property at the time of the earthquake. However, Respondent did not dismiss the Regency complaint. Subsequently, new counsel associated in as counsel for Regency, acknowledged that Scottsdale was not the proper insurer and dismissed Scottsdale from Regency complaint. Scottsdale incurred in excess of \$30,000 in attorney's fees related to the Regency complaint.
5. On September 10, 2004, Scottsdale filed a malicious prosecution complaint against Respondent and others in order recoup the attorney's fees from the Regency complaint (the "Scottsdale action").
6. On January 29, 2007, the parties reached a settlement in the Scottsdale action. Pursuant to the settlement, Respondent agreed to pay Scottsdale \$45,000 within 45 days. Thereafter, Respondent failed to pay the settlement.

7. Therefore, on March 22, 2007, Scottsdale filed a motion for entry of judgment against Respondent's law office, which the court granted. On April 3, 2007, the judgment was entered.

8. As of April 13, 2007, Respondent had not paid the judgment, and Scottsdale filed a motion to amend the judgment to add Respondent personally. In its motion, Scottsdale noted that Respondent had previously testified that he and the law office were one and the same. Respondent opposed the motion to amend.

9. On May 16, 2007, the court in the Scottsdale action granted Scottsdale's motion and entered an amended judgment against Respondent for \$45,000. On June 4, 2007, Respondent appealed the court's May 16, 2007 ruling (the "judgment appeal")

10. On February 19, 2008, Scottsdale filed a motion for sanctions arguing that the judgment appeal was frivolous.

11. On February 21, 2008, the Court of Appeal wrote Respondent a letter notifying him that he had ten days from the date of the letter to file a supplemental letter in opposition to the imposition of sanctions. On March 10, 2008, Respondent filed opposition to the imposition of sanctions.

12. On April 10, 2008, the Court of Appeal issued an opinion denying the judgment appeal. In its opinion, the Court of Appeal stated that there was substantial evidence supporting the trial court's order naming Respondent as a judgment debtor and stated that it had little trouble finding Respondent's appeal to be frivolous. Specifically, the Court of Appeal stated that the appeal indisputably had no merit, appeared to have been filed for the improper purpose of delaying the effect of the judgment adverse to Respondent and continued a pattern throughout the case of abusing the legal system.

13. In the April 10, 2008 order, the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment and ordered Respondent to pay \$8,250 in sanctions to Scottsdale for prosecuting the judgment appeal. The Court of Appeal ordered Respondent to pay the sanctions within 30 days after the issuance of the remittitur or by July 12, 2008. Respondent was properly served with the court's order.

14. Respondent did not pay the \$8,250 in sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal in the judgment appeal.

#### Facts Related to Respondent's Cross-Complaint

15. On February 14, 2005, Respondent's law office filed a cross-complaint against Regency, Condominium Administration Company, Inc. ("CAC") and a third cross-defendant in the Scottsdale action.

16. On March 10, 2005, Regency filed an answer to Respondent's cross-complaint.

17. On July 17, 2006, after a trial date had been set in the Scottsdale action and without leave of the court, Respondent and his law office filed another cross-complaint against Scottsdale, Regency, CAC and additional cross-defendants.

18. Regency and CAC filed motions to strike the July 17, 2006 cross-complaint on the grounds that Respondent did not obtain leave of the court before filing another cross-complaint. On or about

September 25, 2006, the trial court granted the motions. On November 27, 2006, Respondent appealed the trial court's September 25, 2006 ruling.

19. On November 30, 2006, an attorney for Scottsdale wrote a letter to Respondent asking him to dismiss his appeal because the court's September 25, 2006 order was not appealable. Respondent received the letter but did not dismiss the appeal.

20. On September 17, 2007, Scottsdale filed a motion to dismiss the appeal and on or about October 10, 2007, Respondent filed opposition to the motion to dismiss.

21. On November 13, 2007, the Court of Appeal granted the motion to dismiss and imposed \$7,500 in sanctions against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent's appeal was frivolous. Respondent was properly served with the Court of Appeal's order.

22. Respondent did not pay the \$7,500 in sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal.

23. On or about May 13, 2008, Respondent untimely reported to the State Bar of California that sanctions exceeding \$1,000 were imposed against him.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

By pursuing a frivolous appeal before the California Court of Appeal related to the Regency complaint, Respondent failed to maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to him legal or just in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c).

By failing to pay the \$8,250 in sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal in the Regency complaint, Respondent disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.

By failing to pay the sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal and arising out of Respondent's cross-complaint, Respondent disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6103

By reporting to the State Bar of California on May 13, 2008 that sanctions in excess of \$1,000 had been imposed against him, Respondent failed to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time Respondent had knowledge of the imposition of any judicial sanctions against Respondent in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3).

Case No. 10-O-07590 (State Bar Investigation)

FACTS:

1. On March 26, 2009, Respondent filed a lawsuit on behalf of Classic Yarn entitled *Classic Yarn Co., Inc. et al. v. LG Insurance Co, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, case no. BC410492 (the "Classic Yarn complaint"). On May 11, 2009, the Classic Yarn complaint was removed to United States District Court, case no. 2:09-cv-03320 (the "Classic Yarn action").
2. On July 15, 2009, the court granted a motion to strike dismissing various plaintiff claims with prejudice. Respondent was properly served with the court's July 15, 2009 order.
3. On August 27, 2009, Respondent filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") in the Classic Yarn action and included causes of actions that had been dismissed or stricken.
4. On August 31, 2009, defense counsel in the Classic Yarn action sent a letter to Respondent by facsimile outlining the portions of the FAC that had been ordered stricken by the court. In the August 28, 2009 letter, defense counsel asked Respondent to prepare as stipulation striking the applicable portions of the FAC. In the letter, defense counsel informed Respondent that if they did not receive a stipulation and proposed order, they would likely file a Rule 11 motion. Respondent received the letter.
5. On September 1, 2009, Respondent responded to defense counsel's August 28, 2009 letter asking defense counsel to prepare the stipulation.
6. On September 3, 2009, defense counsel forwarded a draft stipulation and proposed order striking the improper portions of the FAC. In the letter, defense counsel asked Respondent to let them know by September 4, 2009 if he was willing to sign the stipulation or, alternatively, agree to extend defendant's time to respond to the complaint. On or about September 3, 2009, defense counsel sent the letter and the proposed stipulation and order to Respondent by facsimile. Respondent received the letter and its enclosures but did not sign the stipulation or otherwise respond to defense counsel's September 3, 2009 letter.
7. On September 8, 2009, opposing counsel filed a motion to strike portions of the FAC. In addition, on October 5, 2009, opposing counsel filed a motion for Rule 11 sanctions. On October 9, 2009, the district court granted the motion to strike portions of the FAC.
8. On October 19, 2009, Respondent filed opposition to the motions for sanctions. In his opposition, Respondent stated that he had erroneously included causes of action that were stricken by the court.
9. On November 6, 2009, the district court in the Classic Yarn action granted the motion for sanctions and ordered Respondent to pay \$4,032 in sanctions finding that Respondent's FAC "was made for the improper purpose of causing unnecessary delay and needlessly increasing the cost of litigation." The court ordered Respondent to pay the sanctions before December 2, 2009. The court properly served the November 6, 2009 court order on Respondent. Respondent received the court's November 6, 2009 order.
10. On February 3, 2010, Respondent paid the \$4,032 in sanctions to opposing counsel.



#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

By filing a First Amended Complaint in the Classic Yarn action that contained actions that had already been stricken by the court, Respondent failed maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to him legal or just in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c).

By not timely paying the sanctions by December 2, 2009 as ordered by the court, Respondent disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear in willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6103.

#### **PENDING PROCEEDINGS.**

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(7), was August 26, 2011.

#### **AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE:**

Standard 2.6 (a) states that any violations of Business and Professions Code, section 6068 shall result in disbarment or suspension depending on the gravity of the offense and the harm, if any, to the victim.

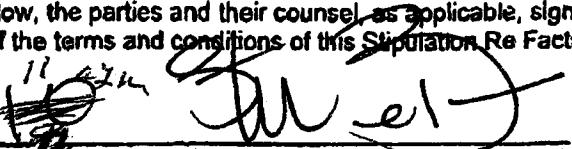
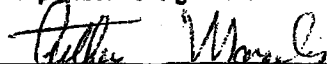
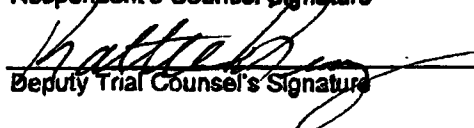
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In the Matter of:  
Steven ZeligCase number(s):  
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## SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

8-31-11		Steven Zelig
Date	Respondent's Signature	Print Name
9/6/11		Arthur Margolis
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
9/6/11		Katherine Kinsey
Date	Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	Print Name

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### STAYED SUSPENSION ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- ☒ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☐ The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- ☐ All Hearing dates are vacated.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of Court.)

Date

9/12/11



Judge of the State Bar Court

**DONALD F. MILES**

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on September 12, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND  
ORDER APPROVING

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

- ☒ by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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KATHERINE KINSEY, ESQ., Office of Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on September 12, 2011.



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<b>STEVEN ZELIG,</b>	)	
	)	<b>ORDER OF DISMISSAL</b>
<b>Member No. 94654,</b>	)	<b>WITHOUT PREJUDICE</b>
	)	
<u>A Member of the State Bar.</u>	)	

This matter is before the court on the court's June 27, 2011 order to show cause (OSC) why the court should not dismiss the present proceeding without prejudice in the furtherance of justice. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.124(G)(2).) On July 8, 2011, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California filed its response to the OSC. And, on July 11, 2011, respondent Steven Zelig filed his response.

Having read and considered the parties' responses to the OSC, the court finds that respondent was not afforded a pre-filing, early neutral evaluation conference (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.30) and that the lack of this procedural opportunity has placed respondent at a substantive disadvantage in this proceeding. (*In the Matter of Respondent AA* (Review Dept. 2004) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 721, 728.) Accordingly, the court will dismiss the proceeding without prejudice. (*Ibid.*)

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**ORDER**

In the furtherance of justice, the court orders that the present proceeding is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to it being refiled after respondent has been afforded the opportunity to participate in an early neutral evaluation conference. The court further orders that all court settings in this proceeding are **VACATED**.

Dated: July 12, 2011.

  
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**RICHARD A. PLATEL**  
Judge of the State Bar Court

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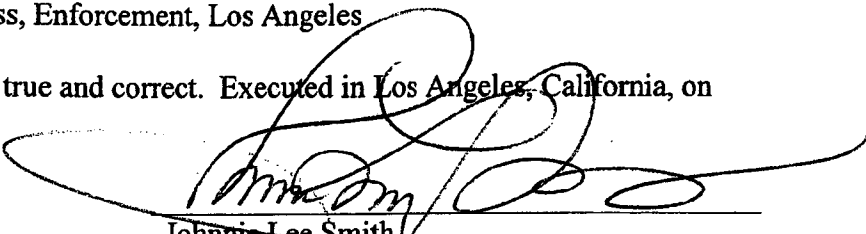
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on July 13, 2011.



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16 **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  
THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:

- 19 (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;  
20 (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU  
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;  
21 (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;  
22 (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.  
23 SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE  
OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN  
24 ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT  
FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ.,  
25 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.  
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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Steven Zelig ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of  
4 California on December 16, 1980, 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. 08-O-11773  
8 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)  
[Maintaining an Unjust Action]

9 2. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code section 6068(c), by  
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4 against Respondent and others in order recoup the attorney's fees from the Regency complaint  
5 (the "Scottsdale action").

6 9. In or about November 2004, Respondent filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings  
7 or, in the alternative, motion to dismiss, contending that the Scottsdale action failed to comply  
8 with Civil Code section 1714.10. Respondent also filed an anti-SLAPP motion. The trial court  
9 denied both motions. On or about March 3, 2005, Respondent appealed the trial court's denial of  
10 his motions

11 10. On or about May 2, 2006, the California Court of Appeal ("Court of Appeal")  
12 affirmed the trial court's orders finding that it committed no error in denying Respondent's  
13 motions.

14 11. On or about May 31, 2006, the court in the Scottsdale action set a trial date in January  
15 2007.

16 12. On or about January 29, 2007, the parties reached a settlement in the Scottsdale  
17 action. Pursuant to the settlement, Respondent agreed to pay Scottsdale \$45,000 within 45 days.  
18 Thereafter, Respondent failed to pay the settlement.

19 13. Therefore, on or about March 22, 2007, Scottsdale filed a motion for entry of  
20 judgment against Respondent's law office, which the court granted. On or about April 3, 2007,  
21 the judgment was entered.

22 14. As of on or about April 13, 2007, Respondent had not paid the judgment, and  
23 Scottsdale filed a motion to amend the judgment to add Respondent personally. In its motion,  
24 Scottsdale noted that Respondent had previously testified that he and the law office were one and  
25 the same. Respondent opposed the motion to amend.

26 15. On or about May 16, 2007, the court in the Scottsdale action granted Scottsdale's  
27 motion and entered an amended judgment against Respondent for \$45,000. On or about June 4,  
28 2007, Respondent appealed the court's May 16, 2007 ruling (the "judgment appeal")

16. On or about February 19, 2008, Scottsdale filed a motion for sanctions arguing that the judgment appeal was frivolous.

17. On or about February 21, 2008, the Court of Appeal wrote Respondent a letter notifying him that he had ten days from the date of the letter to file a supplemental letter in opposition to the imposition of sanctions. On or about March 10, 2008, Respondent filed opposition to the imposition of sanctions.

18. On or about April 10, 2008, the Court of Appeal issued an opinion denying the judgment appeal. In its opinion, the Court of Appeal stated that there was substantial evidence supporting the trial court's order naming Respondent as a judgment debtor and stated that it had little trouble finding Respondent's appeal to be frivolous. Specifically, the Court of Appeal stated that the appeal indisputably had no merit, appeared to have been filed for the improper purpose of delaying the effect of the judgment adverse to Respondent and continued a pattern throughout the case of abusing the legal system.

19. In the April 10, 2008 order, the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment and ordered Respondent to pay \$8,250 in sanctions to Scottsdale for prosecuting the judgment appeal. The Court of Appeal ordered Respondent to pay the sanctions within 30 days after the issuance of the remittitur or by July 12, 2008. Respondent was properly served with the court's order.

20. By pursuing a frivolous appeal before the California Court of Appeal, Respondent failed maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to him legal or just.

**COUNT TWO**

**Case No. 08-O-11773**  
**Business and Professions Code, section 6103**  
**[Failure to Obey a Court Order]**

21. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6103, by willfully disobeying or violating an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear, as follows:

**22. The allegations set forth in Count One are incorporated herein by reference.**

23. To date, Respondent has not paid any of the \$8,250 in sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal in the judgment appeal.

24. By failing to pay the sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal, Respondent willfully disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear.

**COUNT THREE**

**Case No. 08-O-11773**  
**Business and Professions Code, section 6103**  
**[Failure to Obey a Court Order]**

25. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6103, by willfully disobeying or violating an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear, as follows:

**26. The allegations set forth in Count One are incorporated herein by reference.**

27. On or about February 14, 2005, Respondent's law office filed a cross-complaint against Regency, Condominium Administration Company, Inc. ("CAC") and a third cross-defendant in the Scottsdale action.

28. On or about March 10, 2005, Regency filed an answer to Respondent's cross-complaint.

29. On or about July 17, 2006, after a trial date had been set in the Scottsdale action and without leave of the court, Respondent and his law office filed another cross-complaint against Scottsdale, Regency, CAC and additional cross-defendants.

30. Regency and CAC filed motions to strike the July 17, 2006 cross-complaint on the grounds that Respondent did not obtain leave of the court before filing another cross-complaint. On or about September 25, 2006, the trial court granted the motions. On or about November 27, 2006, Respondent appealed the trial court's September 25, 2006 ruling.

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31. On or about November 30, 2006, an attorney for Scottsdale wrote a letter to Respondent asking him to dismiss his appeal because the court's September 25, 2006 order was not appealable. Respondent received the letter but did not dismiss the appeal.

32. On or about September 17, 2007, Scottsdale filed a motion to dismiss the appeal and on or about October 10, 2007, Respondent filed opposition to the motion to dismiss.

33. On or about November 13, 2007, the Court of Appeal granted the motion to dismiss and imposed \$7,500 in sanctions against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent's appeal was frivolous. Respondent was properly served with the Court of Appeal's order.

34. To date, Respondent has not paid the \$7,500 in sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal.

35. By failing to pay the sanctions as ordered by the Court of Appeal, Respondent willfully disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear.

**COUNT FOUR**

**Case No. 08-O-11773**  
**Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3)**  
**[Failure to Report Judicial Sanctions]**

**36. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3), by failing to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time Respondent had knowledge of the imposition of any judicial sanctions against Respondent, as follows:**

**37. The allegations set forth in Count Three are incorporated herein by reference.**

38. To date, Respondent has not reported to the State Bar of California that \$7,500 in sanctions were imposed against him by the Court of Appeal.

39. By not reporting to the State Bar of California that the \$7,500 in sanctions were imposed against him by the California Court of Appeal, Respondent failed to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time Respondent had knowledge of the imposition of any judicial sanctions against Respondent.

1 COUNT FIVE

2 Case No. 10-O-07590  
3 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c)  
4 [Maintaining an Unjust Action]

5 40. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(c), by  
6 failing to counsel or maintain such action, proceedings, or defenses only as appear to him legal  
7 or just, as follows:

8 41. On or about March 26, 2009, Respondent filed a lawsuit on behalf of Classic Yarn  
9 entitled *Classic Yarn Co., Inc. et al. v. LG Insurance Co, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior  
10 Court, case no. BC410492 (the "Classic Yarn complaint").

11 42. On or about May 11, 2009, the Classic Yarn complaint was removed to United States  
12 District Court, case no. 2:09-cv-03320 (the "Classic Yarn action").

13 43. On or about July 15, 2009, the court granted the motion to strike in its entirety  
14 dismissing various plaintiff's claims with prejudice. Respondent was properly served with the  
15 court's July 15, 2009 order.

16 44. On or about August 27, 2009, Respondent filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC")  
17 in the Classic Yarn action and included causes of actions that had been dismissed or stricken.

18 45. On or about August 31, 2009, defense counsel in the Classic Yarn action sent a letter  
19 to Respondent by facsimile outlining the portions of the FAC that had been ordered stricken by  
20 the court. In the August 28, 2009 letter, defense counsel asked Respondent to prepare as  
21 stipulation striking the applicable portions of the FAC. In the letter, defense counsel informed  
22 Respondent that if they did not receive a stipulation and proposed order, they would likely file a  
23 Rule 11 motion. Respondent received the letter.

24 46. On or about September 1, 2009, Respondent responded to defense counsel's August  
25 28, 2009 letter asking defense counsel to prepare the stipulation.

26 47. On or about September 3, 2009, defense counsel forwarded a draft stipulation and  
27 proposed order striking the improper portions of the FAC. In the letter, defense counsel asked  
28 Respondent to let them know by September 4, 2009 if he was willing to sign the stipulation or,  
alternatively, agree to extend defendant's time to respond to the complaint. On or about

1 September 3, 2009, defense counsel sent the letter and the proposed stipulation and order to  
2 Respondent by facsimile. Respondent received the letter and its enclosures but did not sign the  
3 stipulation or otherwise respond to defense counsel's September 3, 2009 letter.

4 48. On or about September 8, 2009, opposing counsel filed a motion to strike portions of  
5 the FAC. In addition, on or about October 5, 2009, opposing counsel filed a motion for Rule 11  
6 sanctions.

7 49. On or about October 9, 2009, the district court granted the motion to strike portions of  
8 the FAC.

9 50. On or about October 19, 2009, Respondent filed opposition to the motions for  
10 sanctions. In his opposition, Respondent stated that he had erroneously included causes of action  
11 that the court had struck.

12 51. On or about November 6, 2009, the district court in the Classic Yarn action granted  
13 the motion for sanctions and ordered Respondent to pay \$4,032 in sanctions finding that  
14 Respondent's FAC "was made for the improper purpose of causing unnecessary delay and  
15 needlessly increasing the cost of litigation." The court ordered Respondent to pay the sanctions  
16 before December 2, 2009. The court properly served the November 6, 2009 court order on  
17 Respondent. Respondent received the court's November 6, 2009 order.

18 52. By filing a First Amended Complaint in the Classic Yarn action that contained  
19 actions that had already been stricken by the court, Respondent failed maintain such action,  
20 proceedings, or defenses only as appear to him legal or just.

21 COUNT SIX

22 Case No. 10-O-07590  
23 Business and Professions Code, section 6103  
[Failure to Obey a Court Order]

24 53. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6103, by  
25 willfully disobeying or violating an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act  
26 connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or  
27 forbear, as follows:

28 54. The allegations set forth in Count Five are incorporated herein by reference.

55. On or about February 3, 2010, Respondent paid \$4,032 to the opposing counsel as payment of the sanctions in the Classic Yarn action.

56. By not paying the sanctions by December 2, 2009 as ordered by the court, Respondent willfully disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring him to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which he ought in good faith to do or forbear.

**COUNT SEVEN**

**Case No. 10-O-07590**  
**Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3)**  
**[Failure to Report Judicial Sanctions]**

57. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(o)(3), by failing to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time Respondent had knowledge of the imposition of any judicial sanctions against Respondent, as follows:

**58. The allegations set forth in Count Five are incorporated herein by reference.**

59. To date, Respondent has not reported to the State Bar of California that \$4,032 in sanctions were imposed against him by the U.S. District Court in the Classic Yarn action.

60. By not reporting to the State Bar of California that the \$4,032 in sanctions were imposed against him by the U.S. District Court, Respondent failed to report to the agency charged with attorney discipline, in writing, within 30 days of the time Respondent had knowledge of the imposition of any judicial sanctions against Respondent.

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Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: June 3, 2011

By: 

Katherine Kinsey  
Deputy Trial Counsel

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2 **CASE NUMBER: 08-0-11773;10-0-07590**

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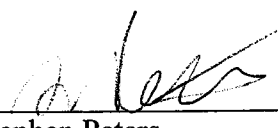
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