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IN THE STATE BAR COURT OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
CONVICTION OF: )  
STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER RONCA, )  
No. 183255 )  
A Member of the State Bar )  
) [ X ] Felony;  
) [ X ] Crime(s) involved moral turpitude;  
) [ ] Probable cause to believe the crime(s) involved moral  
) turpitude;  
) [ ] Crime(s) which may or may not involve moral turpitude or  
) other misconduct warranting discipline;  
) [ ] Transmittal of Notice of Finality of Conviction.

To the CLERK OF THE STATE BAR COURT:

1. Transmittal of records.

- [ X ] A. Pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code, section 6101-6102 and California Rules of Court, rule 9.5 et seq., the Office of Chief Trial Counsel transmits a certified copy of the record of convictions of the following member of the State Bar and for such consideration and action as the Court deems appropriate:
- [ ] B. Notice of Appeal
- [ ] C. Evidence of Finality of Conviction (Notice of Lack of Appeal)
- [ ] D. Other



Name of Member: Stephen Christopher Ronca

Date member admitted to practice law in California: July 1, 1996

Member's Address of Record: Law Office of Stephen C. Ronca

PO Box 4806

San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-4806

2. Date and court of conviction; offense(s).

The record of conviction reflects that the above-named member of the State Bar was convicted as follows:

Date of entry of conviction: June 11, 2018

Convicting court: United States District Court - Central District of California

Crime(s) of which convicted and classification(s): Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344(1), bank fraud, one count, a felony involving moral turpitude. (*U.S. v. Donnat* (2002 CA1 NH) 311 F3d 99, 103 [element of § 1344 violation is scheme to defraud or misrepresentation with intent to deceive in order to obtain money] and *In re Utz* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 468, 484 [intent to defraud is moral turpitude].)

3. Compliance with Rule 9.20. (Applicable only if checked.)

We bring to the Court's attention that, should the Court enter an order of interim suspension herein, the Court may wish to require the above-named member to comply with the provisions of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, paragraph (a), within 30 days of the effective date of any such order; and to file the affidavit with the Clerk of the State Bar Court provided for in paragraph (c) of rule 9.20 within 40 days of the effective date of said order, showing the member's compliance with the provisions of rule 9.20.

4. Other information to assist the State Bar Court

Respondent pled guilty to count 39 of the First Superseding Indictment. (Plea agreement, p. 5 and Change of Plea form.)


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DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED:

Certified Copy of First Superseding Indictment  
Certified Copy of Plea Agreement  
Certified Copy of Criminal Minutes-Change of Plea

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DATED: August 7, 2018

BY:   
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Kevin B. Taylor  
Senior Trial Counsel

A copy of this transmittal and its  
Attachments have been sent to:

Stephen Christopher Ronca  
Law Office of Stephen C. Ronca  
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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY FIRST CLASS MAIL and CERTIFIED MAIL**

**CASE NUMBER: 17-C-03642**

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that 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; that 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; that I am aware that on motion of 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; and that 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 San Francisco, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

**TRANSMITTAL OF RECORDS OF CONVICTION OF ATTORNEY, including:**

- Certified Copy of First Superseding Indictment**
- Certified Copy of Plea Agreement**
- Certified Copy of Criminal Minutes-Change of Plea**

in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as regular first class mail and as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2124 8861 76, at San Francisco, on the date shown below, addressed to:

**Stephen Christopher Ronca  
Law Office Stephen C Ronca  
PO Box 4806  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-4806**

in an inter-office mail facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

N/A

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

**DATED: August 7, 2018**

Signed:   
Ina M. Strehle  
Declarant