

<p>STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA</p> <p>HEARING DEPARTMENT</p> <p>ATTN: ELIZABETH ALVAREZ, COURT SPECIALIST</p> <p>845 S. FIGUEROA ST., Los Angeles, CA 90017</p>	<p>FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY:</p> <p>FILED</p> <p>DEC 04 2018</p> <p>STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES</p>
<p>In the Matter of:</p> <p>MICHAEL JOHN REED</p> <p>Member No. 228479,</p> <p>A Member of the State Bar.</p> <p>188 Blackstone Drive</p> <p>Danville, CA 94506</p>	<p>Case No(s): 18-C-12370</p>
<p align="center">RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING ON CONVICTION</p>	

COMES NOW the Respondent, Michael John Reed SBN 228479, in response to NOTICE AND HEARING ON CONVICTION.

BACKGROUND

On May 27, of 2007, I was involved in a car accident in which I sustained bodily injuries as well as a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Over the course of my treatment licensed medical practitioners prescribed me a variety of medications, including medical marijuana. In January of 2013 I was awarded disability as a result of my 2007 auto accident for a closed period from June 1, 2009 through December of 2012. I have made a complete medical recover and no longer take any medication.

FACTS

I am on a temporary work assignment for my employer. Since October 31, 2018, I have resided at 188 Blackstone Drive, Danville, California, 94506. I expect to reside in Danville for the next several months and request service of process at this address. I did not receive the NOTICE OF HEARING until November 26, 2018 when my wife brought my mail when she visited. My wife and our children currently reside at my permanent address of 13332 Via Stephen, Poway, California 92064.



I did plead guilty to the cultivation of marijuana. I cultivated and used marijuana to help control seizures and back pain as an alternative to the use of seizure controlling medications and opiates for pain relief. I was a member of a collective and thought I was in legal compliance.

I did plead guilty to the possession of a nunchaku. The nunchaku was giving to me as a gift when I was seventeen years by a friend. I had no idea how to properly use it nor did I know its possession was illegal.

CONCLUSION

Aside from a speeding ticket I have never had any issue with the criminal justice system before or after this incident. I am embarrassed and ashamed of my conviction. I currently work as the Director of Operations for my employer and am in a position that requires an incredible degree of trust.

Irrespective of my previous disability my actions were nonetheless reckless and irresponsible and I have done my best to make amends. The practice of law has been my dream since I was a child and I have the utmost appreciation for the privilege of being a licensed attorney. I pray for the State Bar of California to find my convictions did not involve moral turpitude.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



Michael John Reed

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of eighteen and ~~not a party to the within proceeding~~. In the City of San Ramon, Contra Costa County, California, on December 3rd, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s);

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING ON CONVICTION

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

by certified mail with return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service at San Ramon, California, addressed to the following:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Ramon, California, on December 3, 2018.


