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Counsel For The State Bar Anand Kumar Deputy Trial Counsel 1149 S. Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90015 (213) 765-1714 Bar # 261592	Case Number(s): 12-O-10760-RAP	For Court use only <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FILED</p> <p>JUN 11 2012 </p> <p>STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES</p> </div>
In Pro Per Respondent Bruce Gordon Jones 333 North "F" Street, #329 Oxnard, CA 93030 (805) 444-0716 Bar # 43448	<p>PUBLIC MATTER</p>	
In the Matter of: Bruce Gordon Jones Bar # 43448 A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)	Submitted to: Assigned Judge STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING; ORDER OF INVOLUNTARY INACTIVE ENROLLMENT DISBARMENT <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED	

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted January 9, 1969.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of (10) pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."



- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law."
- (6) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."
- (7) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.
- (8) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
- Costs to be awarded to the State Bar.
 - Costs are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs".
 - Costs are entirely waived.
- (9) ORDER OF INACTIVE ENROLLMENT:
The parties are aware that if this stipulation is approved, the judge will issue an order of inactive enrollment under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (c)(4), and Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, rule 5.111(D)(1).

B. Aggravating Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standard 1.2(b)]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.

- (1) **Prior record of discipline**
- (a) State Bar Court case # of prior case 07-O-11685, 07-O-13144 (\$188648)
 - (b) Date prior discipline effective March 11, 2011.
 - (c) Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rules of Professional Conduct 3-110(A) and 3-700(D)(1) & (2); Business and Professions Code, sections 6068(m) and 6103.
 - (d) Degree of prior discipline one (1) year stayed suspension, two (2) years probations with condition, including a thirty (30) day actual suspension.
 - (e) If respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below:

On October 27, 1992, Respondent was publicly reprimanded with conditions in State Bar Court case number 90-C-13100.
- (2) **Dishonesty:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (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.

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- (5) **Indifference:** Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct. Respondent violated the terms of his State Bar disciplinary probation in case number S188648 in several respects despite several reminders of his non-compliance from the Office of Probation.
- (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. See attachment, pages 6 - 8.
- (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.
- (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.

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- (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 cooperated with the State Bar by entering into a stipulated settlement for the matter described herein at an early stage in the disciplinary proceedings.

D. Discipline: Disbarment.

E. Additional Requirements:

- (1) **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.
- (2) **Restitution:** Respondent must make restitution to Richard Faith in the amount of \$ 965.00 plus 10 percent interest per year from October 31, 2002. If the Client Security Fund has reimbursed Richard Faith for all or any portion of the principal amount, respondent must pay restitution to CSF of the amount paid plus applicable interest and costs in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5. Respondent must pay the above restitution and furnish satisfactory proof of payment to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles no later than 30 days from the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this case.
- (3) **Other:**

Attachment language (if any):

ATTACHMENT TO
STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF: Bruce Gordon Jones

CASE NUMBERS: 12-O-10760

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

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

Case No. 12-O-10760

FACTS:

1. On August 12, 2010, Respondent entered into a Stipulation as to Facts and Disposition (“Stipulation”) with the State Bar of California in case numbers 07-O-11685 and 07-O-13144.
2. On August 30, 2010, the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court filed an Order approving the Stipulation and recommending the discipline set forth in the Stipulation to the California Supreme Court.
3. On August 30, 2010, the Hearing Department’s Order approving the Stipulation was properly served by mail upon Respondent.
4. On February 9, 2011, the California Supreme Court filed an Order in case number S188648 (the “Disciplinary Order”) that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for one year, that execution of suspension be stayed, and that Respondent be placed on probation for two (2) years subject to the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its August 30, 2010 Order regarding the Stipulation in State Bar Court case numbers 07-O-11685 and 07-O-13144, including the condition that Respondent be actually suspended for the first thirty (30) days of the probationary period.
5. Pursuant to the Disciplinary Order, Respondent was ordered to comply with the following terms and conditions of probation, among others:
 - a. to comply with the State Bar Act and the Rules of Professional Conduct during the period of probation;
 - b. to submit to the State Bar’s Office of Probation (“Office of Probation”) written quarterly reports each January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year or

part thereof during which the probation is in effect, certifying under penalty of perjury whether he has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act and the Rules of Professional Conduct and all terms of probation during the preceding calendar quarter or part thereof covered by the report and to file a final report no earlier than twenty days prior to the expiration of the probation period and no later than the last day of said period;

- c. to contact his assigned probation deputy to schedule a meeting to discuss the terms and conditions of his probation within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline (April 10, 2011);
 - d. to pay restitution of \$965.00, plus 10% interest per annum accruing from October 31, 2002 to Richard Farth ("Farth") and provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation not later than one year of the effective date of the Disciplinary Order (i.e., on or before March 11, 2012);
 - e. to attend, complete, and provide satisfactory proof to the Office of Probation of attendance and completion of State Bar Ethics School within one year of the effective date of the Disciplinary Order (i.e., on or before March 11, 2012);
 - f. to take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam ("MPRE") within one year after the effective date of the Disciplinary Order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the Office of Probation within the same period. Failure to do so may result in an automatic suspension pursuant to rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court.
- 6. On February 9, 2011, the Clerk of the California Supreme Court properly served upon Respondent a copy of the Disciplinary Order.
 - 7. The Disciplinary Order became effective thirty days after filing, on March 11, 2011.
 - 8. On March 23, 2011, a Probation Deputy from the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California sent a letter to Respondent in which he reminded Respondent of the terms and conditions of his probation imposed pursuant to the Disciplinary Order.
 - 9. In the March 23, 2011 letter, the Probation Deputy specifically reminded Respondent regarding his obligations to contact the Probation Deputy to schedule a meeting to discuss the terms and conditions of his probation before April 10, 2011, file quarterly probation reports, with the first due on July 10, 2011, submit proof of restitution payment to Farth to the Office of Probation before March 11, 2012, submit proof to the Office of Probation of attendance and completion of State Bar Ethics School before March 11, 2012, submit proof of his successful passage of the MPRE to the Office of Probation on or before March 11, 2012. Enclosed with the March 23, 2011 letter to Respondent were, among other things, copies of the Disciplinary Order, the relevant portion of the Stipulation setting forth the conditions of Respondent's probation, a Quarterly Report Instructions sheet, a Quarterly Report form

specially tailored for Respondent to use in submitting his quarterly reports, a 2011 MPRE Examination Schedule and Information, a State Bar Ethics School Application Enrollment Form and a 2011 State Bar Ethics School Schedule. Respondent received the March 23, 2011 letter.

10. Respondent failed to contact the Office of Probation to schedule a meeting with his assigned Probation Deputy to discuss the terms and conditions of his probation before April 10, 2011.
11. On April 20, 2011, the Probation Deputy sent a letter to Respondent reminding him that he had not been in contact with the Office of Probation to schedule a meeting to discuss the terms and conditions of his probation. Respondent received the April 20, 2011 letter.
12. On May 19, 2011, Respondent had a telephonic meeting with his assigned Probation Deputy, in which he confirmed that he received the Probation Deputy's March 23, 2011 and April 20, 2011 letters respectively and discussed with the Probation Deputy the conditions of his probation, the reporting schedule and requirements, the deadlines for when the compliance documents must be received by the Office of Probation and restitution obligations to Farth. The Probation Deputy also verified Respondent's current mailing address and telephone number as the same as his State Bar membership records address and telephone number.
13. To date, Respondent has failed to file with the Office of Probation any of the required quarterly reports that were due on July 10, 2011, October 10, 2011, January 10, 2012, and April 10, 2012.
14. To date, Respondent has failed to provide to the State Bar Office of Probation satisfactory proof of payment of restitution to Richard Farth in the amount of \$965.00, plus 10% interest per annum accruing from October 31, 2002.
15. To date, Respondent has failed to provide satisfactory proof to the Office of Probation of attendance and completion of State Bar Ethics School.
16. To date, Respondent has failed to report successful passage of the MPRE to the Office of Probation.

CONCLUSION OF LAW:

By failing to comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the Disciplinary Order, Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k).

PENDING PROCEEDINGS.

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(7), was May 29, 2012.

AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

Standard 1.7(b) provides that if a member is found culpable of professional misconduct in any proceeding in which discipline may be imposed and the member has a record of two prior impositions of discipline as defined by *Standard 1.2(f)*, the degree of discipline in the current proceeding shall be disbarment unless the most compelling mitigating circumstances clearly predominate. Accordingly, the appropriate level of discipline for Respondent in this matter is disbarment.

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

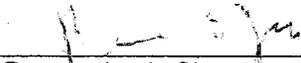
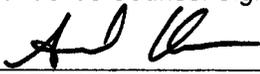
Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of May 29, 2012, the prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$3,269.00. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

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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.

May 25, 2012 Date	 Respondent's Signature	Bruce Gordon Jones Print Name
N/A Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	N/A Print Name
May 29, 2012 Date	 Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	Anand Kumar Print Name

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DISBARMENT ORDER

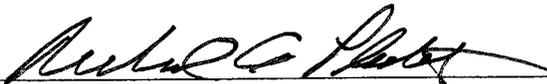
Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- 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.)**

Respondent Bruce Gordon Jones is ordered transferred to involuntary inactive status pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (c)(4). Respondent's inactive enrollment will be effective three (3) calendar days after this order is served by mail and will terminate upon the effective date of the Supreme Court's order imposing discipline herein, or as provided for by rule 5.111(D)(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, or as otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court pursuant to its plenary jurisdiction.

06-11-2012
Date


RICHARD A. PLATEL
Judge of the State Bar Court

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 June 11, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING; ORDER OF INVOLUNTARY INACTIVE ENROLLMENT

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

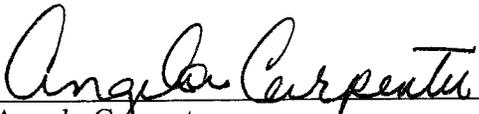
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

ANAND KUMAR, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on June 11, 2012.



Angela Carpenter
Case Administrator
State Bar Court