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In the Matter of:

10 JEFFREY STEVEN HOFFMAN,  
 11 No. 71240,

A Member of the State Bar

Case Nos. 13-O-10222, 13-J-11060

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

(Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6049.1; Rules Proc. Of  
 State Bar, rules 5.350 to 5.354)

## NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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

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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Jeffrey Steven Hoffman (“Respondent”) was admitted to the practice of law in the  
4 State of California on December 22, 1976, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges,  
5 and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 13-O-10222  
8 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k)  
[Failure to Comply with Conditions of Probation]

9 1. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k), by  
10 failing to comply with all conditions attached to any disciplinary probation, as follows:

11 2. On or about December 29, 2011, Respondent and the Office of the Chief Trial  
12 Counsel of the State Bar (the “State Bar”) entered into a Stipulation Re: Facts, Conclusions of  
13 Law, and Disposition in Case No. 10-O-10928 *et al.* (the “Stipulation”).

14 3. On or about January 17, 2012, the State Bar Court filed an Order approving the  
15 Stipulation and recommending the discipline set forth in the Stipulation to the California  
16 Supreme Court.

17 4. On or about July 10, 2012, the California Supreme Court issued its Order No.  
18 S201041 (the “Disciplinary Order”), ordering that Respondent be suspended from the practice of  
19 law for one (1) year, that execution of the suspension be stayed, and that Respondent be placed  
20 on probation for four (4) years with conditions. Respondent was properly served with the  
21 Disciplinary Order and received it.

22 5. The Disciplinary Order became effective on or about August 10, 2012.

23 6. On or about July 23, 2012, the Office of Probation (“Probation”) mailed a letter to  
24 Respondent with information regarding the conditions of probation. Respondent received the  
25 letter.

26 7. As a condition of probation, Respondent was required to contact Probation and  
27 schedule a meeting with the assigned probation deputy to discuss the terms and conditions of the  
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1 Disciplinary Order by September 8, 2012. Respondent did not meet with Probation until on or  
2 about September 24, 2012.

3 8. As a condition of probation, Respondent was required to pay restitution, i.e., to pay a  
4 minimum of \$500 each quarter. He was further required to submit proof of payment to  
5 Probation quarterly on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of  
6 probation. Respondent did not submit to Probation the proof of restitution payments that were  
7 due on October 10, 2012 and January 10, 2013.

8 9. In addition, at no time, has Respondent paid any portion of the restitution due in  
9 accordance with the conditions of probation.

10 10. By the foregoing conduct, Respondent failed to comply with all conditions attached  
11 to a disciplinary probation.

12 COUNT TWO

13 Case No. 13-O-10222  
14 Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
15 [Moral Turpitude; Misrepresentation]

16 11. Respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code section 6106 by  
17 committing an act of moral turpitude, dishonesty and corruption as follows:

18 12. The allegations of Count One are incorporated by reference.

19 13. As a condition of probation, Respondent was required to submit written quarterly  
20 reports to Probation on each of January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of  
21 probation, stating under penalty of perjury his compliance with the State Bar Act, the Rules of  
22 Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter.

23 14. On or about October 10, 2012, Respondent submitted a quarterly report, in which he  
24 stated, under penalty of perjury, that he had not paid restitution because he was "unable to locate  
25 payee(s) after good faith efforts to do so."

26 15. On or about November 13, 2012, Probation sent Respondent a letter providing  
27 Respondent with the contact information of the payees to whom Respondent owed restitution.  
28 Respondent received this letter.



1           23. As stated in the Memorandum of Decision, Respondent violated court orders, copies  
2 of which are attached as Exhibits 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 and incorporated by reference.

3           24. Respondent's culpability as determined by the foreign jurisdiction indicates that the  
4 following California statutes or rules have been violated or warrant the filing of this Notice of  
5 Disciplinary Charges: Business and Professions Code sections 6068(a), 6068(c), 6068(d), 6103  
6 and 6106.

7           ISSUES FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

8           25. The attached Memorandum of Decision and Disciplinary Order are conclusive  
9 evidence that Respondent is culpable of professional misconduct in this state subject only to the  
10 following issues:

11           A. The degree of discipline to impose;

12           B. Whether, as a matter of law, Respondent's culpability determined in the  
13 proceeding in the other jurisdiction would not warrant the imposition of discipline in the State of  
14 California under the laws or rules binding upon members of the State Bar at the time the member  
15 committed misconduct in such other jurisdiction; and

16           C. Whether the proceedings of the other jurisdiction lacked fundamental  
17 constitutional protection.

18           26. Respondent shall bear the burden of proof with regard to the issues set forth in  
19 subparagraphs B and C of the preceding paragraph.

20           NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

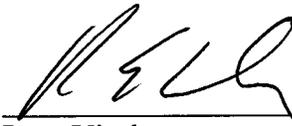
**IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC  
DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS  
INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**

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

3 Respectfully submitted.

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

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7 DATED: July 12, 2013

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10 Deputy Trial Counsel  
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Case #: 12-ADP-00179-BK

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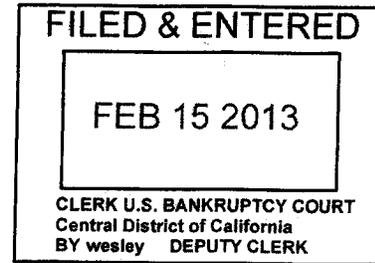
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 In re:

11 THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF  
12 JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN.

Case No. 2:12-mp-00179-BB

13 **AMENDED DISCIPLINARY ORDER**  
14 **SUSPENDING JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN**  
15 **FROM PRACTICING LAW IN THIS COURT**  
16 **AND DEACTIVATING JEFFREY S.**  
17 **HOFFMAN'S CM/ECF USER**  
18 **IDENTIFICATION AND PASSWORD**

Date: Friday, November 16, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Courtroom 1339

Edward R. Roybal Federal Building  
and Courthouse

255 East Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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20 For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum of Decision on Disciplinary  
21 Proceeding of Jeffrey S. Hoffman,

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

23 A. Mr. Hoffman's privilege to practice before the United States Bankruptcy Court for  
24 the Central District of California is hereby revoked for a period of five years from the date of  
25 entry hereof (the "Maximum Suspension Period"), unless earlier reinstated in accordance with  
26 the terms and conditions set forth in Paragraphs C and D below.

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1 B. Mr. Hoffman's user identification and password for the CM/ECF system shall be  
2 immediately deactivated by the Clerk of the Court and shall not be reactivated unless and until  
3 the earlier of (a) the expiration of the Maximum Suspension Period or (b) entry of an order of  
4 reinstatement by the Chief Judge pursuant to paragraphs C and D below.

5 C. Once Mr. Hoffman has satisfied the conditions set forth in paragraph D below  
6 and a period of at least four months after the entry of this Discipline Order (the "Minimum  
7 Suspension Period") has passed, Mr. Hoffman may apply to the then Chief Judge of the United  
8 States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California for reinstatement of his privileges.

9 D. As conditions precedent to Mr. Hoffman's reinstatement prior to the expiration of  
10 the Maximum Suspension Period, he shall be required to:

- 11 1. File and serve on the Panel and the U.S. Trustee a declaration, sworn under  
12 penalty of perjury, setting forth his involvement, if any, in the "dumping" scheme  
13 that was referenced in the Statement of Cause;
- 14 2. File and serve on the Panel and the U.S. Trustee a declaration, sworn under  
15 penalty of perjury, addressing each and every issue raised by the U.S. Trustee in  
16 his notice of intent to appear and accompanying declarations and supplemental  
17 declarations filed in this disciplinary proceeding;
- 18 3. Pay all outstanding sanctions and disgorgement awards issued by the United  
19 States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California and provide  
20 evidence that he has done so in his application for reinstatement; and
- 21 4. Personally appear, either in person or by telephone, at any hearing that may be  
22 scheduled on his application for reinstatement.

23 E. Should Mr. Hoffman apply for reinstatement of his privileges to practice before  
24 this Court prior to the expiration of the Maximum Suspension Period, the Panel recommends  
25 that the Chief Judge schedule a hearing on any such application for reinstatement and that the  
26 U.S. Trustee be permitted to file a written response to his application and to appear and be  
27 heard at any such hearing.

1 F. Mr. Hoffman shall only be reinstated prior to the expiration of the Maximum  
2 Suspension Period if the Chief Judge in response to an application for reinstatement from Mr.  
3 Hoffman, and after consideration of all papers and argument submitted in support of his  
4 reinstatement and/or in opposition thereto, finds that all of the following are true:

- 5 1. Mr. Hoffman has satisfied all conditions set forth in paragraph D above;
- 6 2. The Minimum Suspension period has elapsed; and
- 7 3. There is sufficient cause to believe that Mr. Hoffman can be relied upon in the  
8 future to fulfill his obligations as an officer of this Court and a member of the  
9 State Bar of California in a diligent, responsible and truthful manner.

10 Dated: February 15, 2013

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14 Sheri Bluebond  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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16 Dated: February 15, 2013

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19 Victoria S. Kaufman  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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22 Dated: February 15, 2013

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25 Scott C. Clarkson  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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## NOTICE OF ENTERED ORDER AND SERVICE LIST

Notice is given by the court that a judgment or order entitled (*specify*): **DISCIPLINARY ORDER SUSPENDING JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN FROM PRACTICING LAW IN THIS COURT AND DEACTIVATING JEFFERY S. HOFFMAN'S CM/ECF USER IDENTIFICATION AND PASSWORD** was entered on the date indicated as "Entered" on the first page of this judgment or order and will be served in the manner stated below:

1. **SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)** – Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBRs, the foregoing document was served on the following persons by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the judgment or order. As of 1/29/13, the following persons are currently on the Electronic Mail Notice List for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below.

- Ron Maroko ron.maroko@usdoj.gov
- Kelly L Morrison kelly.l.morrison@usdoj.gov
- S Margaux Ross margaux.ross@usdoj.gov
- United States Trustee (LA) ustpreion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov

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2. **SERVED BY THE COURT VIA UNITED STATES MAIL:** A copy of this notice and a true copy of this judgment or order was sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the following persons and/or entities at the addresses indicated below:

Jeffrey S. Hoffman  
530 S. Glenoaks Blvd., Ste 201  
Burbank, CA 91502

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3. **TO BE SERVED BY THE LODGING PARTY:** Within 72 hours after receipt of a copy of this judgment or order which bears an "Entered" stamp, the party lodging the judgment or order will serve a complete copy bearing an "Entered" stamp by United States mail, overnight mail, facsimile transmission or email and file a proof of service of the entered order on the following persons and/or entities at the addresses, facsimile transmission numbers, and/or email addresses stated below:

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proceeding re: [unclear]  
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Case #: 12MP00179-B14 Doc #:

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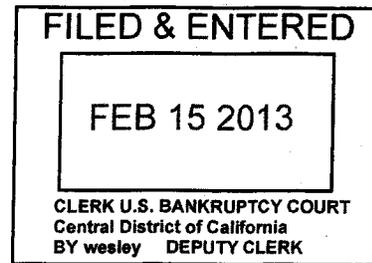
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 In re:

11 THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF  
12 JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN.

Case No. 2:12-mp-00179-BB

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION ON  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF JEFFREY  
S. HOFFMAN**

13 Date: Friday, November 16, 2012

14 Time: 2:00 p.m.

15 Place: Courtroom 1339

16 Edward R. Roybal Federal Building  
and Courthouse

255 East Temple Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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19 The matter before the Court is a disciplinary proceeding against attorney Jeffrey S.  
20 Hoffman ("Mr. Hoffman") pursuant to the Fourth Amended General Order 96-05 of the United  
21 States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (the "General Order").

22 **Statement of Procedure and Notice of Hearing**

23 The Honorable Geraldine Mund (the "Referring Judge" or "Judge Mund") initiated this  
24 disciplinary proceeding against Mr. Hoffman, pursuant to the General Order, by filing with the  
25 Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (the "Clerk") a  
26 statement of cause, dated August 7, 2012, setting forth the basis for the referral and a  
27 suggestion of appropriate discipline (the "Statement of Cause"). [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1.] In  
28 accordance with the procedure set forth in the General Order, the Clerk designated a panel of

1 three bankruptcy judges from this district to hear the matter. The members of the panel are  
2 the Honorable Sheri Bluebond, Presiding Judge, the Honorable Victoria S. Kaufman, and the  
3 Honorable Scott C. Clarkson (together, the "Panel").

4 On August 28, 2012, the Clerk served<sup>1</sup> Mr. Hoffman with the Notice of Assignment of  
5 Hearing Panel, which included the Statement of Cause and General Order. [2:12-mp-00179,  
6 Dk. 6.] On September 7, 2012, the Clerk served<sup>2</sup> Mr. Hoffman with an Amended Notice of  
7 Assignment, which included the Statement of Cause and General Order. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk.  
8 7.] Pursuant to the General Order, Mr. Hoffman and the U.S. Trustee had until the expiration of  
9 a period of 10 days after service of the Notice of Assignment to move to recuse one or more of  
10 the judges assigned to the Panel. No motion to recuse was filed.

11 The Clerk served<sup>3</sup> Mr. Hoffman with a Notice of Disciplinary Hearing on October 2,  
12 2012, which set a disciplinary hearing date of November 16, 2012. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 8.] On  
13 November 1, 2012, the U.S. Trustee filed a timely Notice of Intent to Appear [2:12-mp-00179,  
14 Dk. 9] and Request for Judicial Notice [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 10]. Also on November 1, 2012,  
15 Kelly L. Morrison, attorney for the U.S. Trustee, filed a declaration [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 11],  
16 and Lewis R. Landau, attorney for creditors Holstein & Golbaz-Hagh in the chapter 7 case of *In*  
17 *re Old Topanga Road Trust*, Case No. 1:11-bk-23205-AA, filed a declaration in support of the  
18 U.S. Trustee's Notice of Intent to Appear [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 12]. On November 15, 2012, the  
19 day before the disciplinary hearing, Mr. Hoffman filed an untimely "supplemental response,"<sup>4</sup>  
20 wherein he requested additional time to "prepare and timely file an intelligent and  
21 comprehensive reply." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 15.]  
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24 <sup>1</sup> The Clerk served Mr. Hoffman by U.S. mail service at 16250 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 202, Encino, CA 91436.

25 <sup>2</sup> The Clerk served Mr. Hoffman by electronic service at john@jshoffmanlaw.com and by U.S. mail and overnight  
mail service at 11400 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

26 <sup>3</sup> The Clerk served Mr. Hoffman by U.S. mail and overnight mail service at the following addresses: 530 S.  
Glenoaks Blvd., Ste. 201, Burbank, CA 91502; 530 S. Glenoaks Blvd., Ste. 201, Burbank, CA 91503; and 20501  
Ventura Blvd., Ste. 270, Woodland Hills, CA 91364-0842.

27 <sup>4</sup> Mr. Hoffman had served a virtually identical un-filed response on the Presiding Judge approximately one week  
28 before he filed this "supplemental response."

2 On November 16, 2012, the instant disciplinary proceeding came on for hearing before  
3 the Panel (the "Disciplinary Hearing"). Mr. Hoffman did not appear. Instead, Erickson Davis,  
4 Esq. ("Mr. Davis"), appeared on Mr. Hoffman's behalf. At that time, Mr. Davis offered as a  
5 witness Mr. John Edwards ("Mr. Edwards"), an individual identifying himself as a paralegal in  
6 the employ of Mr. Hoffman, to provide testimony on the matter before the Panel. Mr.  
7 Hoffman's counsel also submitted two unfiled declarations. The Panel determined that the  
8 declarants of the two unfiled declarations, Karen Nierhake and Delores Lucas, were not  
9 present at the disciplinary proceeding. Finally, on November 23, 2012, the U.S. Trustee filed a  
10 post-hearing declaration, outlining several additional bankruptcy cases filed within the Central  
11 District of California where Mr. Hoffman had been non-compliant with orders to pay sanctions.  
12 [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 16.]

### 13 Background

14 The initial events giving rise to the instant disciplinary proceeding stem from Mr.  
15 Hoffman's representation of Marcella Holding Trust (the "Debtor") in two consecutive chapter 7  
16 bankruptcies and Judge Mund's referral of Mr. Hoffman for disciplinary proceedings pursuant  
17 to the General Order. On November 22, 2011, Marcella Holding Trust filed a voluntary chapter  
18 7 bankruptcy petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California  
19 (the "First Bankruptcy Case"). [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 1.] Mr. Hoffman signed the petition as the  
20 Debtor's attorney of record and Phillip Allen Murphree<sup>5</sup> ("Mr. Murphree") signed as principal of  
21 the Debtor. [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 1.] The Debtor's address and Mr. Hoffman's address were  
22 both listed on the petition as 16250 Ventura Blvd. #202, Encino, CA 91436. [1:11-bk-23548,  
23 Dk. 1.] While Schedule A only reflected a single family residence located at 1031 Marcella  
24 Avenue, in Rialto, California, four motions for relief were filed concerning unscheduled real  
25 property located at 20748 Exhibit Place, Woodland Hills, California [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 18];

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27 <sup>5</sup> The name of the Debtor's principal was listed as "Phillip Murphee" on the petition [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 1], but  
28 listed as "Phillip Allen Murphree" on Mr. Murphree's signed declaration [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 43]. For consistency,  
further references to this individual will reflect "Mr. Murphree."

1 1990 N. Rory Lane #4, Simi Valley, California [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 19]; 23301 Park Colombo,  
2 Calabasas, California [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 26]; and 28149 Shelter Cove, Santa Clarita,  
3 California [1:11-bk-23548, Dk. 32]. The First Bankruptcy Case was dismissed on January 26,  
4 2012, for failure of Debtor to appear at the scheduled § 341(a) hearing. [1:11-bk-23548, Dk.  
5 23.]

6 On March 5, 2012, Marcella Holding Trust filed a second voluntary chapter 7 bankruptcy  
7 petition (the "Second Bankruptcy Case"), once again listing Mr. Hoffman as the Debtor's  
8 attorney of record and Mr. Murphree as principal of the Debtor. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 1.] The  
9 Second Bankruptcy Case was originally assigned to Judge Robert Kwan; however, on April 5,  
10 2012, that case was reassigned to Judge Mund. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 23.] On April 9, 2012, the  
11 Second Bankruptcy Case was transferred from Los Angeles Division to San Fernando Valley  
12 Division and the case number was changed from 2:12-bk-17888 to 1:12-bk-13350. [1:12-bk-  
13 13350, Dk. 24.]

14 Judge Mund reviewed the Second Bankruptcy Case in preparation for the April 3, 2012,  
15 hearing on a motion for relief from stay filed by U.S. Bank, and she discovered what appeared  
16 to her to be "a case in which interests in various properties were 'dumped' post-petition for the  
17 purpose of obtaining an automatic stay." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 2.] For example, Exhibit 7  
18 to the motion for relief filed by U.S. Bank reflected an unrecorded quitclaim deed that had been  
19 executed post-petition, which transferred an interest in property to the Debtor. [1:12-bk-13350,  
20 Dk. 9, Exh. 7.] That quitclaim deed reflected 16250 Ventura Blvd. #202, Encino, CA 91436 as  
21 the address to which a recorded copy of the deed should be returned. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 9,  
22 Exh. 7.] This address is the same address listed for both Mr. Hoffman and the Debtor on the  
23 petition. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 1.]

24 On April 11, 2012, Judge Mund issued an order to show cause why the Second  
25 Bankruptcy Case should not be dismissed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 109(g) with a 180-day bar  
26 against re-filing and ordered Mr. Murphree and Mr. Hoffman appear at the May 1, 2012,  
27 hearing to answer the court's questions. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 27.] On April 30, 2012, the day  
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1 before the show cause hearing, Mr. Hoffman filed a late "reply," which included declarations of  
2 Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Murphree.<sup>6</sup> [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 43.] On May 1, 2012, the show cause  
3 hearing was held, but neither Mr. Hoffman nor Mr. Murphree appeared. Instead, Martin  
4 Weingarten, Esq. (" Mr. Weingarten"), an appearance attorney, appeared on behalf of Mr.  
5 Hoffman. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 2.] Judge Mund continued the show cause hearing to  
6 May 29, 2012, and ordered Mr. Hoffman to appear at the continued hearing. [2:12-mp-00179,  
7 Dk. 1, pg. 2.] Once again, neither Mr. Hoffman nor Mr. Murphree appeared at the continued  
8 show cause hearing, but instead Mr. Weingarten appeared on behalf of Mr. Hoffman. [2:12-  
9 mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 2.] As a result, on July 9, 2012, Judge Mund entered an order to show  
10 cause why Mr. Hoffman should not be referred for discipline pursuant to the General Order for  
11 the bad faith filing of multiple bankruptcy cases and bad faith transfers of property into  
12 bankruptcy cases in which he is the attorney of record. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 71.]

13 On July 17, 2012, Jeannette R. Marsala, Esq., attorney for secured creditor ING Bank,  
14 FSB, filed a declaration in support of the order to show cause (the "Marsala Declaration"),  
15 which provided evidence of several additional instances where certain debtors, represented by  
16 Mr. Hoffman, were transferred property post-petition. Specifically, the Marsala Declaration  
17 provided evidence that Mr. Hoffman was the attorney of record for the following additional  
18 post-petition debtor-transferees: Nashville Property Trust (1:12-bk-10312); Landamerica  
19 Investments, LLC (1:11-bk-21906); and Francisco Loya (2:12-bk-15300). [1:12-bk-13350, Dk.  
20 78, pg. 3:4-9.] The Marsala Declaration points out that each of these cases was dismissed  
21 without a discharge. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 78, pg. 3:9.] The Marsala Declaration included  
22 evidence that the instruments conveying real property to these debtors post-petition, usually  
23 unrecorded quitclaim deeds, reflected Mr. Hoffman's address as the return address and were  
24 notarized by the same recurring group of notaries. [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 78, pg. 3:10-16.]

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27 <sup>6</sup> This "reply" was late-filed the day before the hearing and was therefore in violation of Local Bankruptcy Rule  
28 9013-1.

On August 3, 2012, Mr. Hoffman filed a "supplemental response" to the order to show  
2 cause and request for continuance, in which Mr. Hoffman denied that he received proper  
3 notice or service, requested additional time to respond, and explained that he had been  
4 admitted to a rehabilitation facility which rendered him unable to physically appear at the show  
5 cause hearing.<sup>7</sup> [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 81.] On August 6, 2012, the day before the show cause  
6 hearing, Mr. Hoffman filed a declaration in response to the order to show cause, which  
7 reflected a general denial and a request for continuance.<sup>8</sup> [1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 81.] On August  
8 7, 2012, Judge Mund conducted a show cause hearing in which Mr. Hoffman and Mr.  
9 Murphree were not present, but Mr. Weingarten again appeared on Mr. Hoffman's behalf. That  
10 same day, Judge Mund referred Mr. Hoffman for disciplinary proceedings by issuing the  
11 Statement of Cause. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1.]

#### 12 The Statement of Cause

13 The Statement of Cause reflects Judge Mund's independent inquiry into the Marcella  
14 Holding bankruptcy case as well as 11 other bankruptcy cases in which Mr. Hoffman was  
15 attorney of record for the debtor. The Statement of Cause sets forth in detail an analysis of  
16 post-petition real property transfers in each of these 12 bankruptcy cases. Specifically, the  
17 chart attached to the Statement of Cause reflects information on each of these post-petition  
18 transfers, including the property address, type of transfer instrument used, name of notary on  
19 the transfer instrument, and the return address for recorded copies. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1.] In  
20 analyzing this data, Judge Mund pointed out several noticeable patterns and similarities  
21 concerning these transfers. For instance, each of these cases was dismissed without a  
22 discharge; the transfers used a recurring group of notaries; Mr. Hoffman's address was often  
23 the return address on the transfer instrument; and the type of transfer instruments was similar.

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25 <sup>7</sup> This "supplemental response" was filed four days before the hearing and was therefore late-filed. Pursuant to  
26 the Order to Show Cause entered on July 9, 2012, "Any evidence that you wish the Court to consider must be  
27 submitted in the form of a written declaration at least one week before the scheduled hearing." [1:12-bk-13350,  
28 Dk. 71.]

<sup>8</sup> This declaration was late-filed pursuant to the Order to Show Cause entered on July 9, 2012. See *supra*, note 7.

1 [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1.] Judge Mund also noted that "since Mr. Hoffman became aware that  
2 these quitclaim deeds and trust deeds are being tracked back to his office address, he is  
3 having them returned to the debtors." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 4.] With respect to the  
4 recurring group of notaries, Judge Mund concluded that "each [transfer instrument] used one  
5 of the notaries that appear throughout these transfers and thus it appears that Hoffman is  
6 behind these matters." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 4.] Finally, Judge Mund stated that Mr.  
7 Hoffman has never adequately responded or provided adequate justification for his non-  
8 appearance during the show cause proceedings. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pgs. 3-4.] Judge  
9 Mund observed that, while Mr. Hoffman asserted that he "is now in a rehabilitation facility due  
10 to serious complications of a recent surgery and cannot physically appear," he has not  
11 provided any evidence that he cannot physically appear. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 4.] In  
12 conclusion, Judge Mund recommended "that [Mr. Hoffman] be suspended from practice in the  
13 bankruptcy court of this district, be referred to the disciplinary process of the district court for  
14 disbarment by the body, and that he be referred to the State Bar of California for review and  
15 action." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 4.]

#### 16 **The Disciplinary Hearing**

17 The Disciplinary Hearing was held on November 16, 2012. Mr. Hoffman did not appear.  
18 Instead, counsel for Mr. Hoffman, Erickson Davis, Esq., appeared on his behalf. Both the  
19 Panel and Mr. Davis noted that Mr. Hoffman's Supplemental Response was late-filed because  
20 it was filed on November 15, 2012, the day before the Disciplinary Hearing. Pursuant to the  
21 General Order, the Panel has discretionary authority to disregard "written statements or  
22 declarations of innocence or in mitigation of the attorney's conduct unless they are filed with  
23 the court with copies delivered promptly thereafter to the chambers of each member of the  
24 Panel at least 7 days prior to the hearing." General Order at 4:15-18. The Panel announced  
25 that it would disregard the Supplemental Response because it was late-filed.

26 Mr. Davis also referred the Panel to the various pleadings and declarations submitted  
27 by the U.S. Trustee (timely filed on November 1, 2012), consisting of the U.S. Trustee's Notice  
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1 of Intent to Appear [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 9], Request for Judicial Notice [2:12-mp-00179, Dk.  
2 10], and the Declarations of Kelly L. Morrison, attorney for the U.S. Trustee [2:12-mp-00179,  
3 Dk. 11] and Lewis R. Landau, attorney for creditors Holstein & Golbaz-Hagh in the chapter 7  
4 case of *In re Old Topanga Road Trust*, Case No. 1:11-bk-23205-AA, [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 12],  
5 and requested a continuance to respond. The Panel, reviewing the U.S. Trustee's November  
6 1, 2012, filed pleadings, determined that the scope of the information contained therein was  
7 generally outside the scope of, or was duplicative of, the Statement of Cause, and therefore  
8 was unnecessary for the Panel to consider. Therefore, the Panel declined Mr. Hoffman's  
9 request for a continuance to permit him to respond to the U.S. Trustee's papers and stated its  
10 intention to disregard the contents and judicial review requests of court pleadings within the  
11 U.S. Trustee's November 1, 2012, pleadings.<sup>9</sup>

12 In support of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. John Edwards also appeared and gave testimony.  
13 Following this testimony, representatives of the Office of the U.S. Trustee and the Panel  
14 members cross-examined and examined Mr. Edwards.

15 Further, two unfiled declarations of Karen Nierhake and Delores Lucas were submitted  
16 to the Panel during the November 16 hearing. The Declarants for these two unfiled  
17 declarations were not physically present during the Disciplinary Hearing. The Panel has  
18 discretionary authority to disregard "[w]ritten statements presented to the Panel as evidence by  
19 or on behalf of the attorney . . . if the declarant is unavailable at the hearing for cross-  
20 examination and for examination by the Panel." General Order at 4:18-21. The Panel  
21 announced that these declarations would be disregarded because they had been late-filed and  
22 because the declarants were not present for cross-examination and for examination by the  
23 Panel.

24 In response to questions posed by Mr. Davis, Mr. Edwards testified that Mr. Hoffman  
25 had no connection with the dumping scheme. Mr. Edwards testified further that he believed a  
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27 <sup>9</sup> Notwithstanding this, the Panel has, *sua sponte*, taken judicial notice of various pleadings, as set out in this  
28 Memorandum of Decision.

1 former business associate of Mr. Hoffman was actually responsible for dumping scheme. Mr.  
2 Edwards provided no admissible evidence to support this statement. The Panel asked Mr.  
3 Edwards how long he or Mr. Hoffman had known about the dumping, and Mr. Edwards replied  
4 that they both had known about these activities for approximately two and one half years. The  
5 Panel then asked Mr. Edwards what he and Mr. Hoffman did once they discovered the  
6 dumping scheme. Mr. Edwards testified that, upon discovering instances of dumping, either  
7 he or Mr. Hoffman would send a letter to the secured lender whose property was being  
8 affected, informing that secured lender of the dumping activity. The Panel requested that Mr.  
9 Edwards provide copies of these letters for inspection by the Panel within 10 days of the  
10 Disciplinary Hearing, and Mr. Edwards agreed to do so. The Panel has never received any  
11 letters from Mr. Hoffman or Mr. Edwards.

#### 12 Findings of Fact

13 Based on the Statement of Cause, the records of the Court referred to in the Statement  
14 of Cause upon which the Panel takes judicial notice, and the Panel's own records in this  
15 disciplinary proceeding, including the underlying bankruptcy cases in which Mr. Hoffman was  
16 counsel of record, and further including the amounts of sanctions that Mr. Hoffman has been  
17 ordered to pay, but has not paid as of the date of this Memorandum of Decision, being drawn  
18 from the Court's various dockets within the Central District of California, the Panel makes the  
19 following findings of fact based on clear and convincing evidence:

20 A. The procedures taken as set forth above were in accordance with the procedures  
21 required by the General Order.

22 B. Judge Mund issued a statement of cause on August 7, 2012, and this Panel was  
23 appointed.

24 C. Mr. Hoffman was provided with adequate notice of this disciplinary proceeding  
25 and a fair opportunity to respond to the Statement of Cause.

26 D. On November 11, 2012, the U.S. Trustee filed a timely Notice of Intent to Appear  
27 [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 9] and request for Judicial Notice [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 10]. Also on  
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1 November 1, 2012, Kelly L. Morrison, attorney for the U.S. Trustee, filed a declaration [2:12-  
2 mp-00179, Dk. 11], and Lewis R. Landau, attorney for creditors Holstein & Golbaz-Hagh in the  
3 chapter 7 case of *In re Old Topanga Road Trust*, Case No. 1:11-bk-23205-AA, filed a  
4 declaration in support of the U.S. Trustee's Notice of Intent to Appear [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 12].  
5 The Panel, however, chooses to disregard the substantive aspects of these pleadings as being  
6 either outside the scope of the Statement of Cause or otherwise redundant with respect to the  
7 files and documents before the Panel.

8 E. Mr. Hoffman filed an untimely response to the Statement of Cause on November  
9 15, 2012, the day before the Disciplinary Hearing. [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 15.] Moreover, Mr.  
10 Hoffman was not present or available for cross-examination at the Disciplinary Hearing.  
11 Pursuant to the Panel's discretionary authority under the General Order, the Panel chooses to  
12 disregard Mr. Hoffman's response to the Statement of Cause dated November 15, 2012.<sup>10</sup>

13 F. The Panel conducted the Disciplinary Hearing on November 16, 2012, at which  
14 time Mr. Hoffman was not present but was represented by counsel, Erickson Davis, Esq. Mr.  
15 Edwards, an individual identifying himself as a paralegal employed by Mr. Hoffman, appeared  
16 and gave testimony before the Panel. At the Disciplinary Hearing, Mr. Davis presented two  
17 unfiled declarations in support of Mr. Hoffman. Neither of these declarations was timely-filed  
18 and neither declarant was present or available for cross-examination at the Disciplinary  
19 Hearing. Pursuant to the Panel's discretionary authority under the General Order, the Panel  
20 chooses to disregard the two unfiled declarations submitted in support of Mr. Hoffman.<sup>11</sup>

21 G. During the underlying bankruptcy case from which Mr. Hoffman was referred to  
22 this Panel, *In re Marcella Holding Trust*, 1:12-bk-13350, he has never appeared personally to  
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24 <sup>10</sup> The General Order grants the Panel discretionary authority to disregard "written statements or declarations of  
25 innocence or in mitigation of the attorney's conduct unless they are filed with the court with copies delivered  
26 promptly thereafter to the chambers of each member of the Panel at least 7 days prior to the hearing" (General  
27 Order at 4:15-18) as well as "[w]ritten statements presented to the Panel as evidence by or on behalf of the  
28 attorney . . . if the declarant is unavailable at the hearing for cross-examination and for examination by the Panel"  
(General Order at 4:18-21).

<sup>11</sup> See *supra*, note 10.

1 address the serious allegations that form the basis of this disciplinary hearing, despite being  
2 ordered to appear by Judge Mund.<sup>12</sup> Instead of appearing at the show cause hearings, Mr.  
3 Hoffman filed untimely responses, which failed to provide a sufficient evidentiary response to  
4 the allegations of wrongful conduct.<sup>13</sup> Moreover, Mr. Hoffman's responses to the orders to  
5 show cause failed to adequately explain his non-appearance at the show cause hearings.<sup>14</sup>

6 H. Mr. Hoffman has not appeared in the instant disciplinary proceeding to address  
7 the matters contained in the Statement of Cause and has never filed a declaration under  
8 penalty of perjury denying his involvement in the wrongful conduct outlined in the Statement of  
9 Cause.<sup>15</sup>

10 I. Mr. Hoffman was counsel of record in the 12 bankruptcy cases referenced in the  
11 Statement of Cause in which real property interests were transferred to the respective debtors  
12 post-petition. Within each of these 12 bankruptcy cases, the transfer instruments were  
13 notarized by a recurring group of notaries. Mr. Hoffman's own office address is listed as the  
14 return address on many of the transfer instruments. The Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial  
15 notice of the records and files in the following 12 bankruptcy cases:

- 16 1. 1:11-bk-12032 GM 2930 Mojave Court Titling Holding Trust
- 17 2. 2:11-bk-37199 BR 19403 Leon Circle Trust
- 18 3. 6:11-bk-36080 WJ 1031 Marcella Title Holding Trust

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20 <sup>12</sup> Order to Show Cause, 1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 27, 3:8-13 ("The Court further orders attorney Jeffrey S. Hoffman . . .  
21 to appear . . . to answer questions of the Court why the bankruptcy schedules do not reveal the alleged real  
22 property assets and liabilities of the numerous motions for relief which have been filed in the bankruptcy cases of  
23 this debtor."); Order to Show Cause, 1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 71, 2:24-27 ("If you fail to appear and adequately explain  
24 these transfers or otherwise show cause why you should not be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, the Court  
will make such a referral with an appropriate recommendation for discipline."). See also Judge Mund's August 7,  
2012 Tentative Ruling, 1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 82, 4 ("If Mr. Hoffman does not appear in person or on the phone and  
convince me otherwise, I will issue the report and referral to the disciplinary process and he can give them a full  
explanation of what happened . . .").

<sup>13</sup> 1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 43 and 80.

25 <sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Judge Mund's August 7, 2012 Tentative Ruling, 1:12-bk-13350, Dk. 82, 3 ("Mr. Hoffman has not  
26 provided the court with any proof that he is physically unavailable to appear on 8/7. He has not given the name,  
27 address, or phone number of the rehabilitation facility nor of the supervision doctor who has authorized his stay.  
28 He also states that he is fully able to conduct his practice during his time in the facility. . . . [T]his court allows  
appearance by phone.").

<sup>15</sup> Although Mr. Hoffman denied any involvement in the dumping scheme in his late-filed "supplemental" response,  
he did not attach a sworn declaration denying such involvement. See 2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 15.

- 1 4. 1:11-bk-21906 VK Land America Investments, LLC
- 2 5. 1:11-bk-22482 AA Chantilly Circle Trust
- 3 6. 1:11-bk-23548 VK Marcella Holding Trust
- 4 7. 1:12-bk-10312 AA Nashville Property Trust
- 5 8. 2:12-bk-15300 NB Francisco Loya
- 6 9. 1:12-bk-13350 GM Marcella Holding Trust
- 7 10. 1:12-bk-13111 AA Marilan A. Villalobos
- 8 11. 2:12-bk-24174 VZ Sabino W. Hernandez
- 9 12. 1:12-bk-14416 MT Janet W. Tate

10 J. Mr. Hoffman has provided no admissible evidence to support any reasonable  
11 alternative explanation to the Panel as to the property "dumping."

12 K. Mr. Hoffman is currently on probation subject to a stayed suspension of his  
13 license to practice law. The Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial notice of the stipulation pending  
14 before the State Bar of California under case number 10-O-09791, which details several  
15 instances of Mr. Hoffman's violating the Rules of Professional Conduct and California Civil  
16 Code § 2944.7(a)(1).

17 L. The Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial notice of the records and files in the  
18 following bankruptcy cases in which Mr. Hoffman has been ordered to pay sanctions, but has  
19 failed to comply:

- 20 1. *In re Old Topanga Road Trust*—On March 16, 2012, the Court ordered Mr.  
21 Hoffman (and the principal of the debtor) to pay sanctions of \$2,500 within 10  
22 days of entry of the order. [1:11-bk-23205, Dk. 34-1.]
- 23 2. *In re Steve A. Joice*—On August 16, 2011, the Court ordered Mr. Hoffman to pay  
24 sanctions of \$900 to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of entry of the order.  
25 [1:11-bk-17831, Dk. 19.]

1 3. *In re Peter Barnes*—On August 16, 2011, the Court ordered Mr. Hoffman to pay  
2 sanctions of \$600 to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of entry of the order.  
3 [1:11-bk-14232, Dk. 19.]

4 4. *In re Eduardo Sevilla*—On August 25, 2011, the Court ordered Mr. Hoffman to  
5 pay sanctions of \$300 to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of entry of the  
6 order. [2:11-bk-39537, Dk. 15.]

7 5. *In re Laura E. Flores*—On August 23, 2011, the Court ordered Mr. Hoffman to  
8 pay sanctions of \$600 to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of entry of the  
9 order. [2:11-bk-39732, Dk. 16.]

10 6. *In re Lucia Gervay*—On August 23, 2011, the Court ordered Mr. Hoffman to pay  
11 sanctions of \$600 to the Clerk of the Court within 30 days of entry of the order.  
12 [2:11-bk-41261, Dk. 12.]

13 7. *In re 3623 Old Conejo Road Title Holding Trust*—On August 16, 2011, the Court  
14 ordered Mr. Hoffman to pay sanctions of \$300 to the Clerk of the Court within 30  
15 days of entry of the order. [1:11-bk-18223, Dk. 11.]

16 L. The Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial notice that Mr. Hoffman is listed as counsel of  
17 record for the debtor in the following 108 chapter 13 cases filed in the San Fernando  
18 Valley Division of the Central District of California during the period from February 1,  
19 2009 through October 1, 2012. Almost all of these cases were “face-sheet” filings.  
20 Many of these cases involve repeat filings by the same debtor, and related debtors  
21 filed cases in multiple divisions. Several of these cases reflect spouses filing  
22 separate cases that created multiple automatic stays relating to the same real  
23 property. All of these cases were dismissed and no plan of reorganization was  
24 confirmed in any of the cases based on work performed by Mr. Hoffman.  
25 Specifically, the Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial notice of the records and files in  
26 the following cases:

27 1. 1:09-bk-11117-VK Roger Leroy Staab Filed on 2/3/09;

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- 1 2. 1:09-bk-11851-MT Thomas G Dobson and Diann L Dobson Filed on 2/20/09;
- 2 3. 1:09-bk-16138-GM Steven J Riggs and Genoveva Riggs Filed on 5/22/09;
- 3 4. 1:09-bk-16234-MT John Andrew Parkenham Filed on 5/26/09;
- 4 5. 1:09-bk-17565-GM Santiago Cabrera Filed on 6/19/09;
- 5 6. 1:09-bk-17677-MT Thomas G Dobson and Diann L Dobson Filed on 6/22/09;
- 6 7. 1:09-bk-17823-GM Daryl Rummens Filed on 6/25/09;
- 7 8. 1:09-bk-23039-MT Jody D. Pool Filed 10/2/09;
- 8 9. 1:09-bk-23697-GM Santiago Cabrera Filed on 10/16/09;
- 9 10. 1:09-bk-25284-MT Carlos Juarez and Lilia Juarez Filed on 11/16/09;
- 10 11. 1:09-bk-27521-GM Crystal Lebard Filed on 12/29/09;
- 11 12. 1:10-bk-10390-GM Santiago Cabrera Filed on 1/13/10;
- 12 13. 1:10-bk-10522-MT Jody D. Pool Filed on 1/15/10;
- 13 14. 1:10-bk-11292-KT David C Abel Filed on 2/4/10;
- 14 15. 1:10-bk-11499-KT Robert J Falini Filed on 2/11/10;
- 15 16. 1:10-bk-11698-MT Morris Peryanti and Hanna Peryanti Filed on 2/16/10;
- 16 17. 1:10-bk-12260-GM Crystal Lebard Filed on 3/1/10;
- 17 18. 1:10-bk-12872-GM Kelly J Lundberg Filed on 3/15/10;
- 18 19. 1:10-bk-12877-GM Malka Harari Filed on 3/15/10;
- 19 20. 1:10-bk-13049-GM Ruben Gilberto and Anita Schmidlin Filed on 3/17/10;
- 20 21. 1:10-bk-14176-MT Randall Wagner Filed on 4/12/10;
- 21 22. 1:10-bk-14820-MT Jody D. Pool Filed on 4/26/10;
- 22 23. 1:10-bk-14827-MT Carlos Juarez and Lilia Juarez Filed on 4/26/10;
- 23 24. 1:10-bk-14839-KT Mark A Behrang Filed on 4/26/10;
- 24 25. 1:10-bk-14986-KT Alan Horvatich Filed on 4/29/10;
- 25 26. 1:10-bk-16544-GM Lindsay Peet Filed on 6/1/10;
- 26 27. 1:10-bk-16590-KT John Bates Filed on 6/2/10;
- 27 28. 1:10-bk-16955-MT Esther P Hayon Filed on 6/9/10;

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- 1 29. 1:10-bk-17560-VK Kay L Canale Filed on 6/23/10;
- 2 30. 1:10-bk-18462-GM Carolina Marroquin Filed on 7/13/10;
- 3 31. 1:10-bk-18637-KT John Bates Filed on 7/16/10;
- 4 32. 1:10-bk-18643-KT Jakov Marusich Filed on 7/16/10;
- 5 33. 1:10-bk-18901-MT Jose A Gonzales Filed on 7/22/10;
- 6 34. 1:10-bk-19007-MT Esther P Hayon Filed on 7/23/10;
- 7 35. 1:10-bk-19109-MT Enrique Simon and Daniella Simon Filed on 7/26/10;
- 8 36. 1:10-bk-19320-MT Ginette L Mendez Filed on 7/30/10;
- 9 37. 1:10-bk-19665-GM Kelly J Lundberg Filed on 8/6/10;
- 10 38. 1:10-bk-19990-GM Malka Harari Filed on 8/13/10;
- 11 39. 1:10-bk-20334-KT Bertha Dickey Filed on 8/20/10;
- 12 40. 1:10-bk-21434-GM Lindsay Peet and Sheila Y Peet Filed on 9/13/10;
- 13 41. 1:10-bk-22601-MT Sandra Lane Filed on 10/5/10;
- 14 42. 1:10-bk-22644-GM Armando Cuevas Perez Filed on 10/6/10;
- 15 43. 1:10-bk-23260-GM Malka Harari Filed on 10/20/10;
- 16 44. 1:10-bk-24382-VK Mihaela Pucko Filed on 11/15/10;
- 17 45. 1:10-bk-24895-GM Bertha Dickey Filed on 11/29/10;
- 18 46. 1:10-bk-24896-MT Jose A Gonzales Filed on 11/29/10;
- 19 47. 1:10-bk-24978-GM Robert J Getty Filed on 11/30/10;
- 20 48. 1:10-bk-25092-GM Audrey Park Filed on 12/1/10;
- 21 49. 1:11-bk-10023-VK Ricardo Rangel Filed on 1/3/11;
- 22 50. 1:11-bk-10034-VK Maral Tarpinian Filed on 1/3/11;
- 23 51. 1:11-bk-10230-MT Armando Cuevas Perez Filed on 1/6/11;
- 24 52. 1:11-bk-10413-GM Oscar Orellana and Sandra Mendoza Filed on 1/11/11;
- 25 53. 1:11-bk-10670-GM David Harari Filed on 1/18/11;
- 26 54. 1:11-bk-10981-MT John Getty Filed on 1/25/11;
- 27 55. 1:11-bk-11020-MT Julie Vasquez Filed on 1/26/11;
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- 1 56. 1:11-bk-11421-VK Ivan Preciado Filed on 2/3/11;
- 2 57. 1:11-bk-11553-GM Peter Barnes Filed on 2/6/11;
- 3 58. 1:11-bk-12449-AA Lindsay Peet and Sheila Y Peet Filed on 2/28/11;
- 4 59. 1:11-bk-13113-VK Maria Sueoka Filed on 3/14/11;
- 5 60. 1:11-bk-13352-MT Guillermo Gonzalez Filed on 3/18/11;
- 6 61. 1:11-bk-13364-MT Tania Argueta Filed on 3/18/11;
- 7 62. 1:11-bk-13772-VK Steve A Joice Filed on 3/28/11;
- 8 63. 1:11-bk-13874-MT Debra Sanker Filed on 3/30/11;
- 9 64. 1:11-bk-14122-GM Ricardo Rangel Filed on 4/4/11;
- 10 65. 1:11-bk-14232-AA Peter Barnes and Segal Emily Barnes Filed on 4/6/11;
- 11 66. 1:11-bk-14318-GM Robert J Getty Filed on 4/7/11;
- 12 67. 1:11-bk-14440-MT Maria Hernandez Filed on 4/9/11;
- 13 68. 1:11-bk-14461-MT Janet W Tate Filed on 4/11/11;
- 14 69. 1:11-bk-15119-AA Antonio J Ortuste Filed on 4/26/11;
- 15 70. 1:11-bk-15738-GM Gladis Del Carmen Filed on 5/9/11;
- 16 71. 1:11-bk-15750-GM Maria Selina Estrada Filed on 5/9/11;
- 17 72. 1:11-bk-17831-VK Steve A Joice Filed on 6/27/11;
- 18 73. 1:11-bk-20874-MT Catherine Holcombe Filed on 9/13/11;
- 19 74. 1:11-bk-22667-MT Michael J Towne Filed on 10/31/11;
- 20 75. 1:12-bk-10713-AA Marilan A Villalobos Filed on 1/25/12;
- 21 76. 1:12-bk-10765-VK Steve A Joice Filed on 1/26/12;
- 22 77. 1:12-bk-10778-MT Maria C Delgado Filed on 1/26/12;
- 23 78. 1:12-bk-11084-MT Janet W Tate Filed on 2/3/12;
- 24 79. 1:12-bk-11760-MT Bertha Valverde Filed on 2/24/12;
- 25 80. 1:12-bk-11964-AA Juana Orendain Filed on 2/29/12;
- 26 81. 1:12-bk-12029-AA Sumit Ghosh Filed on 3/2/12;
- 27 82. 1:12-bk-12382-AA Salvador Garcia Guzman Filed on 3/14/12;

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- 1 83. 1:12-bk-12659-MT Jose Luis Preciado Filed on 3/21/12;
- 2 84. 1:12-bk-13111-AA Marilan A Villalobos Filed on 4/3/12;
- 3 85. 1:12-bk-13422-AA Antonio J. Ortuste Filed on 4/12/12;
- 4 86. 1:12-bk-13423-VK Fred Inouye Filed on 4/12/12;
- 5 87. 1:12-bk-14064-AA Sumit Ghosh Filed on 5/2/12;
- 6 88. 1:12-bk-14165-AA Jane E McAllister Filed on 5/4/12;
- 7 89. 1:12-bk-14364-VK Luzmila A Drury Filed on 5/10/12;
- 8 90. 1:12-bk-14585-MT Marko Radlovic Filed on 5/17/12;
- 9 91. 1:12-bk-15049-VK Antonio J Ortuste Filed on 5/31/12;
- 10 92. 1:12-bk-15059-MT Andres J Espinoza Filed on 5/31/12;
- 11 93. 1:12-bk-15229-VK Everardo Duarte Filed on 6/5/12;
- 12 94. 1:12-bk-15806-VK Angel Hernandez Filed on 6/25/12;
- 13 95. 1:12-bk-16047-VK Hydee Meza Filed on 7/2/12;
- 14 96. 1:12-bk-16134-VK Maria Cruz Ochoa Filed on 7/6/12;
- 15 97. 1:12-vk-16136-VK Jane E McAllister Filed on 7/6/12;
- 16 98. 1:12-bk-16837-MT Bertha Toscano Filed on 7/30/12;
- 17 99. 1:12-bk-17037-MT Patricia L Towne Filed on 8/6/12;
- 18 100. 1:12-bk-17270-AA Lindsay Peet Filed on 8/13/12;
- 19 101. 1:12-bk-17353-AA Everardo Duarte Filed on 8/15/12;
- 20 102. 1:12-bk-17448-VK John W Alvarez Filed on 8/19/12;
- 21 103. 1:12-bk-17766-AA Bertha Toscano Filed on 8/29/12;
- 22 104. 1:12-bk-18240-VK Jose Luis Preciado Filed on 9/17/12;
- 23 105. 1:12-bk-18244-MT Amanda Espinoza Filed on 9/17/12;
- 24 106. 1:12-bk-18411-AA Andre Malek Moradian and Anita Malek Moradian Filed on  
25 9/21/12;
- 26 107. 1:12-bk-18638-VK Manuel Gomez Filed on 9/28/12; and
- 27 108. 1:12-bk-18724-MT Michael D Hanna and Patricia L Hanna Filed on 10/1/12.
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1 L. The Panel, *sua sponte*, takes judicial notice that Mr. Hoffman filed 20 chapter 7  
2 cases in the names of trusts and other business entities purportedly holding interests in real  
3 property between January 1, 2010 and August 31, 2012. All of these cases were "face-sheet"  
4 filings. In the few cases where Mr. Hoffman filed schedules, he failed to list any unsecured  
5 creditors and only listed one parcel of real property. Specifically, the Panel, *sua sponte*, takes  
6 judicial notice of the records and files in the following cases:

- 7 1. 1:10-bk-10811-MT LLC, Ateonate Filed on 1/25/10;
- 8 2. 1:10-bk-23331-KT Eban Multimedia, Inc. Filed on 10/21/10;
- 9 3. 1:10-bk-25098-VK Eban Multimedia, Inc. Filed on 12/1/10;
- 10 4. 1:11-bk-12032-GM 2930 Mojave Court Title Holding Trust Filed on 2/17/11;
- 11 5. 1:11-bk-16138-AA 2930 Mojave Court Title Holding Trust Filed on 5/18/11;
- 12 6. 1:11-bk-18223-AA 3623 Old Conejo Road Title Holding Trust Filed on 7/7/11;
- 13 7. 1:11-bk-20344-MT Stow Street Trust Filed on 8/30/11;
- 14 8. 1:11-bk-20407-VK KFT Real Estate LLC Filed on 8/31/11;
- 15 9. 1:11-bk-20556-VK 1366 Durham Street Title Holding Trust Filed on 9/2/11;
- 16 10. 1:11-bk-20559-VK Calarosa Ranch Road Trust Filed on 9/2/11;
- 17 11. 1:11-bk-21317-VK Nashville Property Trust Filed on 9/23/11;
- 18 12. 1:11-bk-21891-VK KFT Real Estate LLC Filed on 10/7/11;
- 19 13. 1:11-bk-21906-VK Landamerica Investments, LLC Filed on 10/11/11;
- 20 14. 1:11-bk-22482-AA Chantilly Circle Trust Filed on 10/26/11;
- 21 15. 1:11-bk-23205-AA Old Topanga Road Trust Filed on 11/14/11;
- 22 16. 1:11-bk-23389-VK Calarosa Ranch Road Trust Filed on 11/18/11;
- 23 17. 1:11-bk-23548-VK Marcella Holding Trust Filed on 11/22/11;
- 24 18. 1:12-bk-10312-AA Nashville Property Trust Filed on 1/12/12;
- 25 19. 1:12-bk-13350-GM Marcella Holding Trust Filed on 3/5/12; and
- 26 20. 1:12-bk-14644-MT Stow Street Trust Filed on 5/18/12.

1 **Conclusions of Law**

2 Based on the above Findings of Fact, as determined by clear and convincing evidence,  
3 the Panel makes the following Conclusions of Law:

4 A. The Bankruptcy Code implicitly and explicitly imposes on debtors a duty of good  
5 faith in filing and maintaining bankruptcy actions.<sup>16</sup>

6 B. An attorney's signature on court documents acts as a representation to the court  
7 that a document is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass, to cause  
8 unnecessary delay, or to needlessly increase the costs of litigation.<sup>17</sup>

9 C. The Statement of Cause presented to the Panel by the Referring Judge sets out  
10 activity attributed to Mr. Hoffman including the filing of a significant number of bankruptcy  
11 cases and real property transfers into the bankruptcy estates for the specific purpose of  
12 obtaining the benefit of the automatic stay that would otherwise not be available to the owners  
13 of the transferred property. Within the bankruptcy arena, this activity is generically called  
14 "dumping." Associated with the practice of dumping is the filing of numerous chapter 13 and  
15 chapter 7 bankruptcy cases that are commonly known as "face-sheet" filings, which serve as  
16 the recipient bankruptcy cases for the transferred real property. These cases are not  
17 concluded under the typical bankruptcy procedures, but are usually dismissed because of lack  
18 of prosecution (*i.e.*, failure to file complete schedules, disclosures, statements of financial  
19 affairs, or in chapter 13 cases, plans). The indiscriminate filing of "face-sheet" bankruptcy  
20 cases, and the subsequent transfer of real property into those bankruptcy estates, is a method  
21 of hindering, delaying, or defrauding creditors of persons who have not filed for protection  
22 under the Bankruptcy Code. Such activities are a gross distortion of the valid and honest use  
23 of the bankruptcy system. These activities result in fraud on creditors and the court system  
24 and incur significant time and expense to creditors, the courts, and on many occasions  
25 legitimate debtors who are summoned to court to respond to motions for relief from the

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27 <sup>16</sup> *In re Kinney*, 51 B.R. 840 (Bankr. C.D.Cal. 1985).

28 <sup>17</sup> F.R.B.P. 9011(b)(1).

1 automatic stay with respect to properties in which or with respect to which they possess no  
2 interest or information. Dumping activities add to the already clogged court calendars of the  
3 Central District of California.

4 D. The Referring Judge, the Honorable Geraldine Mund, issued two separate  
5 Orders to Show Cause (entered on April 11, 2012, and July 9, 2012, respectively) in the case  
6 of *In re Marcella Holding Trust*, basing her Orders on assertions of dumping activities by Mr.  
7 Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman declined to appear at either hearing on these two Orders to Show  
8 Cause to explain the circumstances underlying the allegations contained in the two Orders to  
9 Show Cause. The second Order to Show Cause (as to why Mr. Hoffman should not be  
10 referred to the Disciplinary Panel) was ignored by Mr. Hoffman, with the exception that he  
11 "claim[ed] that the dumpings are not originated in his office or by him and he is trying to trace  
12 these down." [2:12-mp-00179, Dk. 1, pg. 4.]

13 E. Mr. Hoffman did not provide any admissible evidence to the Referring Judge, or  
14 this Panel, refuting the evidence of his direct involvement and participation in a multitude of  
15 "face-sheet" bankruptcy case filings and real property transfers into those cases. Although he  
16 was given many opportunities to address these allegations, Mr. Hoffman simply refused to  
17 actively and substantially participate in the hearings on the Orders to Show Cause or the  
18 instant disciplinary proceeding.

19 F. The Panel, by clear and convincing evidence, finds that Mr. Hoffman engaged in  
20 systematic fraud upon the Court and creditors by engaging in (1) dumping activities and (2)  
21 multiple "face-sheet" filings to facilitate his dumping activities, as previously described within  
22 this Memorandum of Decision.

### 23 **Recommended Discipline**

24 In light of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel concludes  
25 that the following actions against Mr. Hoffman are appropriate:  
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1 A. Mr. Hoffman's privilege to practice before the United States Bankruptcy Court for  
2 the Central District of California should be revoked for a period of five years, unless otherwise  
3 reinstated under the terms and conditions set out in Paragraph C and D, below.

4 B. Mr. Hoffman's user identification and password for the CM/ECF system should  
5 be immediately deactivated by the Clerk of the Court and not reactivated unless and until Mr.  
6 Hoffman's revocation under this proceeding is ordered.

7 C. Mr. Hoffman may apply to the Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court  
8 for the Central District of California for reinstatement of his privileges after the expiration of a  
9 period of not less than four months after the entry of the Discipline Order.

10 D. As conditions to Mr. Hoffman's reinstatement, he should be required to:

- 11 1. File and serve on the Panel and the U.S. Trustee a declaration, sworn under  
12 penalty of perjury, setting forth his involvement, if any, in the "dumping" scheme  
13 that was referenced in the Statement of Cause;
- 14 2. File and serve on the Panel and the U.S. Trustee a declaration, sworn under  
15 penalty of perjury, addressing each and every issue raised by the U.S. Trustee in  
16 his notice of intent to appear and accompanying declarations and supplemental  
17 declarations filed in this disciplinary proceeding;
- 18 3. Pay all outstanding sanctions or disgorgement awards issued by the United  
19 States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California and provide  
20 evidence that he has done so in his application for reinstatement; and
- 21 4. Personally appear, either in person or by telephone, at any hearing that may be  
22 scheduled on his application for reinstatement.

23 E. Should Mr. Hoffman apply for reinstatement of his privileges to practice before  
24 this Court, the Panel recommends that the Chief Judge schedule a hearing on any such  
25 application for reinstatement and that the U.S. Trustee be permitted to respond thereto.

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4 This Memorandum of Decision constitutes the Panel's findings of fact and conclusions  
5 of law. A separate Discipline Order setting forth the Panel's rulings will follow. A copy of this  
6 Memorandum of Decision and the entered Discipline Order shall be delivered to each sitting  
7 judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, to the Clerk of  
8 the Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, and to  
9 the State Bar of California.

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14 Dated: February 15, 2013



SHERI BLUEBOND  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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VICTORIA S. KAUFMAN  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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23 Dated: February 15, 2013



SCOTT C. CLARKSON  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

## NOTICE OF ENTERED ORDER AND SERVICE LIST

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2 Notice is given by the court that a judgment or order entitled (*specify*): **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION ON**  
3 **DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN** was entered on the date indicated as "Entered" on  
4 the first page of this judgment or order and will be served in the manner stated below:

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- S Margaux Ross margaux.ross@usdoj.gov
- United States Trustee (LA) ustregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov

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11 **2. SERVED BY THE COURT VIA UNITED STATES MAIL:** A copy of this notice and a true copy of this  
12 judgment or order was sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the following persons and/or  
13 entities at the addresses indicated below:

14 Jeffrey S. Hoffman  
15 530 S. Glenoaks Blvd., Ste 201  
16 Burbank, CA 91502

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18 **3. TO BE SERVED BY THE LODGING PARTY:** Within 72 hours after receipt of a copy of this judgment or order  
19 which bears an "Entered" stamp, the party lodging the judgment or order will serve a complete copy bearing an  
20 "Entered" stamp by United States mail, overnight mail, facsimile transmission or email and file a proof of service  
21 of the entered order on the following persons and/or entities at the addresses, facsimile transmission numbers,  
22 and/or email addresses stated below:

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Rule 9011. Signing of Papers; Representations to the Court; Sanctions; Verification and Copies of Papers

(a) Signature. Every petition, pleading, written motion, and other paper, except a list, schedule, or statement, or amendments thereto, shall be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney's individual name. A party who is not represented by an attorney shall sign all papers. Each paper shall state the signer's address and telephone number, if any. An unsigned paper shall be stricken unless omission of the signature is corrected promptly after being called to the attention of the attorney or party.

(b) Representations to the Court. By presenting to the court (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) a petition, pleading, written motion, or other paper, an attorney or unrepresented party is certifying that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances,— 1

(1) it is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation;

(2) the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions therein are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the establishment of new law;

(3) the allegations and other factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and

(4) the denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or, if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on a lack of information or belief.

(c) Sanctions. If, after notice and a reasonable opportunity to respond, the court determines that subdivision (b) has been violated, the court may, subject to the conditions stated below, impose an appropriate sanction upon the attorneys, law firms, or parties that have violated subdivision (b) or are responsible for the violation.

(1) How Initiated.

(A) By Motion. A motion for sanctions under this rule shall be made separately from other motions or requests and shall describe the specific conduct alleged to violate subdivision (b). It shall be served as provided in Rule 7004. The motion for sanctions may not be filed with or presented to the court unless, within 21 days after service of the motion (or such other period as the court may prescribe), the challenged paper, claim, defense, contention, allegation, or denial is not withdrawn or appropriately corrected, except that this limitation shall not apply if the conduct alleged is the filing of a petition in violation of subdivision (b). If warranted, the court may award to the party prevailing on the motion the reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred in presenting or opposing the motion. Absent exceptional circumstances, a law firm shall be held jointly responsible for violations committed by its partners, associates, and employees.

(B) On Court's Initiative. On its own initiative, the court may enter an order describing the specific conduct that appears to violate subdivision (b) and directing an attorney, law firm, or party to show cause why it has not violated subdivision (b) with respect thereto.

(2) Nature of Sanction; Limitations. A sanction imposed for violation of this rule shall be limited to what is sufficient to deter repetition of such conduct or comparable conduct by others similarly situated. Subject to the limitations in subparagraphs (A) and (B), the sanction may consist of, or include, directives of a nonmonetary nature, an order to pay a penalty into court, or, if imposed on motion and warranted for effective deterrence, an order directing payment to the movant of some or all of the reasonable attorneys' fees and other expenses incurred as a direct result of the violation.

(A) Monetary sanctions may not be awarded against a represented party for a violation of subdivision (b)(2).

(B) Monetary sanctions may not be awarded on the court's initiative unless the court issues its order to show cause before a voluntary dismissal or settlement of the claims made by or against the party which is, or whose attorneys are, to be sanctioned.

(3) Order. When imposing sanctions, the court shall describe the conduct determined to constitute a violation of this rule and explain the basis for the sanction imposed.

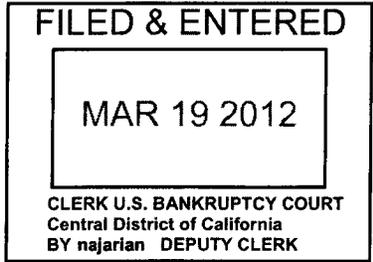
(d) Inapplicability To Discovery. Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this rule do not apply to disclosures and discovery requests, responses, objections, and motions that are subject to the provisions of Rules 7026 through 7037.

(e) Verification. Except as otherwise specifically provided by these rules, papers filed in a case under the Code need not be verified. Whenever verification is required by these rules, an unsworn declaration as provided in 28 U.S.C. §1746 satisfies the requirement of verification.

(f) Copies of Signed or Verified Papers. When these rules require copies of a signed or verified paper, it shall suffice if the original is signed or verified and the copies are conformed to the original.

1 **Lewis R. Landau** (CA Bar No. 143391)  
2 **Attorney at Law**  
3 23564 Calabasas Road, Suite 104  
4 Calabasas, California 91302  
5 Voice and Fax: (888)822-4340  
6 Email: Lew@Landaunet.com

7 Attorney for  
8 Holstein & Golbaz-Hagh



9 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DIVISION**

11 In re  
12 Old Topanga Road Trust,  
13 Debtor.

14 Case No.: 1:11-bk-23205 AA

15 Chapter 7

16 **ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SANCTIONS**

17 Date: February 29, 2012  
18 Time: 10:30 a.m.  
19 Place: Courtroom 303; Judge Ahart  
20 US Bankruptcy Court  
21 21041 Burbank Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
22 Woodland Hills, California 91367

23 The Court has considered the motion for sanctions [docket # 19 ("Motion")] filed by  
24 Creditor David G. Holstein Cash Balance Plan UA 12/27/2004 & Masoud Golbaz-Hagh  
25 (collectively "Creditor"). Finding good cause therefore, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Motion  
26 and orders that Jeffrey S. Hoffman and Jaime A. Scher shall each pay \$2,500 to Creditor within 10  
27 days of entry of this Order.

28 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*Alan M. Ahart*  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: March 19, 2012

In re: Old Topanga Road Trust  Debtor(s).	CHAPTER 11  CASE NUMBER: 1:11-bk-23205 AA
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**PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT**

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 23564 Calabasas Road, Suite 104 Calabasas, CA 91302

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document described **PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SANCTIONS** will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner indicated below:

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On 3/7/12 I served the following person(s) and/or entity(ies) at the last known address(es) in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid, and/or with an overnight mail service addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

**Via US Mail:**

Judge Ahart, US Bankruptcy Court, 21041 Burbank Blvd., Suite 342, Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
Jeffrey S. Hoffman 16250 Ventura Blvd., Suite 202 Encino, CA 91436  
Jeffrey S. Hoffman 11400 W Olympic Blvd #200 Los Angeles, CA 90064

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

3/7/12  
Date

Lewis R. Landau  
Type Name

/s/ Lewis R. Landau  
Signature

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Jeffrey S Hoffman on behalf of Debtor Old Topanga Road Trust  
john@jshoffmanlaw.com

Lewis R Landau on behalf of Creditor Holstein & Golbaz-Hagh  
lew@landaunet.com

Erin L Laney on behalf of Interested Party Courtesy NEF  
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John M Sorich on behalf of Interested Party Courtesy NEF  
generalmail@aswlawoffice.com, kbernal@alvaradoca.com

United States Trustee (SV)  
ustpregion16.wh.ecf@usdoj.gov

Gagan G Vaideeswaran on behalf of Creditor US Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Seri  
ecfcacb@piteduncan.com

Diane Weil (TR) dcw@dcweillaw.com, dweil@ecf.epiqsystems.com

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2. **SERVED BY THE COURT VIA UNITED STATES MAIL**: A copy of this notice and a true copy of this judgment or order was sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the following person(s) and/or entity(ies) at the address(es) stated below:

Jeffrey S. Hoffman – 11400 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064-1550

Jeffrey S. Hoffman – 16250 Ventura Blvd. Ste 202, Encino, CA 91436

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**Attorneys' Documents Filed in Violation Status**

**07/01/2011 TO 07/31/2011**

08/08/2011

<i>Document Item Description</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Case Num</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Date Filed</i>	<i>Judge</i>	<i>Docket #</i>	<i>ECF ?</i>
<b>ATTORNEY: Jeffrey S Hoffman (71240)</b>							
Extension of time to file schedules and/or plan (motion)	SFV	11-17831 bk	13	07/11/2011	VK	12	Yes
Chapter 13 Statement of Current Monthly and Disposable Income (Form 22C)	SFV	11-17831 bk	13	07/25/2011	VK	13	Yes
Chapter 13 Plan	SFV	11-17831 bk	13	07/25/2011	VK	14	Yes

**(Case) Total Documents : 3**

**(Case) Total Sanction : \$900**



3. **In light of the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED** that monetary sanctions in the amount of \$600.00 are hereby imposed on Jeffrey S. Hoffman. Jeffrey S. Hoffman must pay the sum of \$600.00 by cashiers' check or United States postal money order, payable to the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, and delivered with a copy of this Order to any Intake cashier at the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, within 30 days after entry of this Order.

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*Alan M. Abot*

United States Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: August 16, 2011

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Document Item Description	Division	Case Num	Chap	Date Filed	Judge	Docket #	ECF ?
<b>ATTORNEY: Jeffrey S Hoffman (71240)</b>							
Amendment - Amending Schedules D,E,F for Ch 7, 11 & 13 (fee)	SFV	11-14232 bk	13	07/26/2011	AA	18	Yes
Amended Chapter 13 Plan	SFV	11-14232 bk	13	07/26/2011	AA	19	Yes

(Case) Total Documents : 2

(Case) Total Sanction : \$600

<b>UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA</b>	FOR COURT USE ONLY <b>FILED &amp; ENTERED</b>	
In re:  Eduardo Sevilla,  Debtor(s).	<table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="1003 319 1369 535"><b>AUG 25 2011</b>  CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT Central District of California BY vandenat DEPUTY CLERK</td></tr></table>	<b>AUG 25 2011</b>  CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT Central District of California BY vandenat DEPUTY CLERK
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Monday, August 8, 2011

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#### Current Status: Active

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This member is active and may practice law in California.

See below for more details.

#### Profile Information

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<b>Address</b>	11400 W Olympic Blvd #200 Los Angeles, CA 90064-1550	<b>Phone Number</b>	(310) 915-9191
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<b>District</b>	District 7	<b>Undergraduate School</b>	No Information Available;
<b>County</b>	Los Angeles	<b>Law School</b>	Whittier Coll SOL; CA
<b>Sections</b>	None		

#### Status History

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Effective Date	Status Change
<i>Present</i>	Active
8/5/2011	Active
7/1/2011	Not Eligible To Practice Law
9/7/2010	Active
9/1/2010	Not Eligible To Practice Law
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Explanation of member status

#### Actions Affecting Eligibility to Practice Law

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Effective Date	Description	Case Number	Resulting Status
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#### Disciplinary and Related Actions

This member has no public record of discipline.

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<b>Jeffrey Steven Hoffman (#071240/Los Angeles CA)</b>	July 1, 2011
<b>James Walter Hofman II (#245459/Tamuning GU)</b>	July 1, 2011
<b>Matthew David Hogg (#255813/San Francisco CA)</b>	July 1, 2011
<b>Curtis Powell Holdsworth (#174080/Costa Mesa CA)</b>	July 1, 2011
<b>Leonard Ray Holland (#048024/Wilderville OR)</b>	July 1, 2011
<b>Michael Powers Hollomon Jr (#139520/Los Angeles CA)</b>	July 1, 2011
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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
BY: Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MONETARY SANCTIONS TRANSMITTAL FORM

Date: 11/29/2011  
To: Honorable Ernest M. Robles  
Re: Case No. 2:11-bk-39537-ER

ENTERED  
DEC 12 2011  
CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
BY: Deputy Clerk

SANCTIONED PARTY: **JEFFREY S. HOFFMAN**

Attached is a copy of the sanction Order imposed to Jeffrey S. Hoffman which was entered on 08/25/2011. The clerk's office issued a Notice of Delinquency letter on September 30, 2011, demanding to submit full payment within 14 days of the date of the demand letter. As of November 29, 2011 the sanction imposed has not yet been paid to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The total sanction due to Court is **\$300.00**.

Please indicate below what action you would like the Clerk's Office to take and return to Deputy Clerk – Elizabeth Munar, Los Angeles Financial Services Department.

Please take the following action in this matter:

- SET FOR OSC HEARING
- REFER TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR COLLECTION
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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12/7/11  
DATE

*Ernest M. Robles*  
JUDGE, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT

cc: Office of the U.S. Trustee



**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

**Kathleen J. Campbell**  
Executive Officer  
Clerk of Court

**Notice of Delinquent Sanctions**

JEFFREY S HOFFMAN  
11400 W OLYMPIC BLVD #200  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

**Bankruptcy No.:** LA11-39537ER  
**Name of Sanctioned party:** JEFFREY S HOFFMAN  
**Amount Delinquent:** \$300.00

You are hereby notified that pursuant to and Order entered 8/25/2011 imposing Sanctions, you must submit full payment within 14 days of the date of this letter.

***You are hereby notified that failure to comply may result in this matter being referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for further action.***

Payment must be made with either cash, cashier's check, or U.S. Postal service money order. The only exception is that a check may be accepted from an attorney or an individual acting as a trustee in Bankruptcy matters. An attorney's check must have a preprinted street address, telephone number, and bar number. All checks and money orders must be made ***payable to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.***

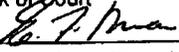
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(By mail)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
255 East Temple Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(In Person)  
U.S.B.C./Intake Section  
255 East Temple Street, Room 940,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

I certify that this notice was mailed to the sanctioned party(ies) named above.

Date: September 30, 2011  
CC: Case Administrator  
U.S. Trustee's Office

Kathleen J. Campbell  
Clerk of Court  
By:   
Elizabeth Munar, Financial Specialist

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	Debtor(s).		
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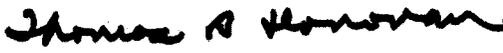
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Extension of time to file schedules and/or plan (motion)	LA	11-39732 bk	13	07/28/2011	TD	10	Yes

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Voluntary Petition (Chapter 13)	LA	11-41261 bk	13	07/21/2011	TD	1	Yes
Statement of Social Security Number(s) Form B21	LA	11-41261 bk	13	07/21/2011	TD	2	Yes

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1. Jeffrey S. Hoffman, 71240 , is prohibited from filing documents with this court pursuant to:
  - a.  A court order barring suspended attorney from filing documents manually with the court for failure to comply with the court's General Order 06-03 Filing, Signing and Verifying Documents by Electronic Means using CM/ECF system (see LBR 5005-4) entered <date>.
  - b.  A suspension/disbarment from the practice of law before the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (see General Order 96-05 Attorney Disciplinary Procedures in Bankruptcy Court) by order entered <date>.
  - c.  Suspension/disbarment from practice of law pursuant to Rule 83-3.2 of the Local Rules for the United States District Court, Central District of California.
  - d.  Suspension/disbarment from practice of law by the California State Bar.
  
2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Jeffrey S. Hoffman filed the following document in the above-entitled case (SEE ATTACHED LIST):

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Document Item Description	Division	Case Num	Chap	Date Filed	Judge	Docket #	ECF ?
ATTORNEY: Jeffrey S Hoffman (7/1240)							
Voluntary Petition (Chapter 13)	LA	11-39732 bk	13	07/12/2011	TD	1	Yes
Extension of time to file schedules and/or plan (motion)	LA	11-39732 bk	13	07/28/2011	TD	10	Yes

(Case) Total Documents : 2

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<b>ATTORNEY Jeffrey S Hoffman (71240)</b>							
Voluntary Petition (Chapter 13)	LA	11-41261 bk	13	07/21/2011	TD	1	Yes
Statement of Social Security Number(s) Form B21	LA	11-41261 bk	13	07/21/2011	TD	2	Yes

**(Case) Total Documents : 2**

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#### Current Status: Active

This member is active and may practice law in California.

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#### Profile Information

<b>Bar Number</b>	71240		
<b>Address</b>	11400 W Olympic Blvd #200 Los Angeles, CA 90064-1550	<b>Phone Number</b>	(310) 915-9191
		<b>Fax Number</b>	Not Available
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#### Status History

Effective Date	Status Change
<i>Present</i>	Active
8/5/2011	Active
7/1/2011	Not Eligible To Practice Law
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Explanation of member status

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##### Disciplinary and Related Actions

This member has no public record of discipline.

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**E Lynette Lemaire (#176339/Sebastopol CA)** July 8, 2011  
2 years probation with conditions.  
Member is required to pass the Professional Responsibility Examination.

**Craig Thomas Wormley (#182137/Los Angeles CA)** July 6, 2011  
5 years probation with conditions.

**Public Reproval**

The following persons have been issued a public reproval by the State Bar of California or Supreme Court of California and must comply with conditions attached to the reproval:

**Andrew Ludwig Krzemuski (#053931/Glendale CA)** July 6, 2011  
Member is required to pass the Professional Responsibility Examination.

**Anup Tikku (#184612/San Jose CA)** July 12, 2011

**Suspension for Nonpayment of State Bar Membership Fees**

The following persons have been suspended by the Supreme Court of California for nonpayment of state bar membership fees pursuant to section 6143 of the Business and Professions Code, and may not practice law or hold themselves out as eligible to practice law in California while so enrolled, effective on the dates indicated. Any subsequent reinstatements are listed in the reinstatement section of this letter, starting on page 1. :

**James Elvero Acret (#027685/Pacific Palisades CA)** July 1, 2011

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<b>ATTORNEY: Jeffrey S Hoffman (71240)</b>							
Voluntary Petition (Chapter 7)	SFV	11-18223 bk	7	07/07/2011	AA	1	Yes

**(Case) Total Documents : 1**

**(Case) Total Sanction : \$ 300**

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by
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CASE NUMBER(s): 13-O-10222, 13-J-11060

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90015, declare that:

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

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By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))
- in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles.

By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))

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- I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS').

By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request.

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(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

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Article No.: 7196 9008 9111 0444 0268 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

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DATED: July 12, 2013

SIGNED:

Lupe Pacheco
Declarant