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In the Matter of: ) Case Nos. 13-O-15013 [14-O-00021]  
BRYAN L. ROBINSON, )  
No. 188493, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
A Member of the State Bar )

NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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



1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Bryan L. Robinson ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of  
4 California on June 5, 1997, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently  
5 a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 13-O-15013  
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
[Failure to Perform with Competence]

9 2. On or about January 24, 2012, Jerome Saddler, Sean Guadamuz Monar, and Augustin  
10 Bonney, dba "Lifted Visions Productions," "Lifted Visions Records" or "Lifted Visions  
11 Entertainment," employed Respondent to perform legal services, namely revising a LLC  
12 operating agreement pertaining to "Lifted Visions Productions" and providing strategic planning  
13 and consultation regarding the Entertainment Industry, which Respondent intentionally,  
14 recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of Rules of  
15 Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by failing to revise the LLC operating agreement and  
16 failing to provide strategic planning and consultation for the client by January 25, 2013, when  
17 respondent's employment was terminated.

18 COUNT TWO

19 Case No. 13-O-15013  
20 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2)  
[Failure to Refund Unearned Fees]

21 3. On or between January 24, 2012 and March 10, 2012, Respondent received advanced  
22 fees of \$5,200 from clients, Jerome Saddler, Sean Guadamuz Monar, and Augustin Bonney, for  
23 purposes of revising a LLC pertaining to "Lifted Visions Productions." Respondent failed to  
24 revise or draft any LLC on behalf of "Lifted Visions Productions," or perform any legal services  
25 for the clients, and therefore earned none of the advanced fees paid. Respondent failed to refund  
26 promptly, upon Respondent's termination of employment on or about January 25, 2013, any part  
27 of the \$5,200 fee, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).  
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COUNT THREE

Case No. 13-O-15013  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

4. Respondent failed to respond promptly to numerous telephonic and email status inquiries made by Respondent's clients, Jerome Saddler, Sean Guadamuz Monar, or Augustin Bonney, between January 25, 2013 and May 27, 2013 that Respondent received in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

COUNT FOUR

Case No. 13-O-15013  
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1)  
[Failure to Release File]

5. Respondent failed to release promptly, after termination of Respondent's employment on or about January 25, 2013, to Respondent's clients, Jerome Saddler, Sean Guadamuz Monar, and Augustin Bonney, all of the clients' papers and property following the clients' request for the clients' file on May 16, 2013, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1).

COUNT FIVE

Case No. 13-O-15013  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i)  
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

6. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending against Respondent by failing to provide a substantive response to the State Bar's letters of June 13, 2013, January 29, 2014 and March 25, 2014, which Respondent received, that requested Respondent's response to the allegations of misconduct being investigated in case no. 13-O-15013, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i).

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COUNT SIX

Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
[Failure to Perform with Competence]

7. On or about September 13, 2011, Jason and Tanisha Ricks employed Respondent to perform legal services, namely prepare a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Petition, which Respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by the following:

- A. Between on or about February 14, 2012 and on or about May 8, 2012, respondent failed to cure defects in the bankruptcy petition he prepared on behalf of the clients, after being notified of those deficiencies;
- B. Respondent did not appear, nor anyone appear on respondent's behalf, at the Confirmation Hearing on May 8, 2012, even after respondent was informed by the Bankruptcy Trustee's office his attendance at the hearing was required, and if he could not attend, arrangements should be made for an appearance attorney to appear on his behalf; and
- C. As a result of respondent's failure to appear, and failure to arrange for an appearance attorney, at the May 8, 2012 hearing, the bankruptcy court dismissed the Ricks' Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition on May 9, 2012, due in part to respondent's failure to appear and other uncured defects about which respondent had been notified.

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COUNT SEVEN  
Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Inform Client of Significant Development]

8. Respondent failed to keep Respondent's clients, Jason and Tanisha Ricks, reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m), by failing to inform the client of the following:

- A. Respondent failed to cure defects in the clients' bankruptcy filing, of which respondent was informed and had knowledge, between February 14, 2012, and on or before the Confirmation Hearing scheduled for May 8, 2012; and
- B. Respondent failed to make arrangements for an appearance attorney on behalf of his clients at the Confirmation Hearing on May 8, 2012.

COUNT EIGHT  
Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

9. Respondent failed to respond promptly to numerous reasonable status inquiries by email from Respondent's clients, Jason and Tanisha Ricks, between April 29 and May 8, 2012, that Respondent received in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

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COUNT NINE

Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2)  
[Failure to Refund Unearned Fees]

10. Between on or about September 16, 2011 and October 3, 2011, respondent received advanced fees of \$6,350 from clients, Jason and Tanisha Ricks, for purposes of obtaining a Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Respondent failed to cure defects in the clients' bankruptcy filing, of which respondent was informed and had knowledge; failed to appear at the Confirmation Hearing on behalf of the clients on May 8, 2012; or perform any legal services for the clients; and therefore earned none of the advanced fees paid. Respondent failed to refund promptly, upon Respondent's termination of employment on or about May 8, 2012 any part of the \$6,350 fee, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

COUNT TEN

Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Business and Professions Code, section 6103  
[Failure to Obey a Court Order]

11. Respondent disobeyed or violated an order of the court requiring Respondent to do or forbear an act connected with or in the course of Respondent's profession which Respondent ought in good faith to do or forbear by failing to comply with the January 15, 2013 Order on Trustee's Motion for Order for Disgorgement, Sanctions, and Costs Against Attorney Bryan Robinson in *In re: Jason and Tanisha Ricks*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central Division of California, San Fernando Valley Division, case no. SV 11-23654-VK in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6103.

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COUNT ELEVEN

Case No. 14-O-00021  
Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
[Moral Turpitude - Misrepresentation]

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4 12. On or about December 10, 2011, Respondent stated in writing to the U.S. Bankruptcy  
5 Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division, in case no. 1:11-23654 VK,  
6 that he received \$4,500 for legal services, when respondent actually received \$6,350 for legal  
7 services from his clients, Jason and Tanisha Ricks, when Respondent knew or was grossly  
8 negligent in not knowing the statement(s) were false, and thereby committed an act involving  
9 moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of Business and Professions Code,  
10 section 6106.

11 COUNT TWELVE

12 Case No. 14-O-00021  
13 Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
14 [Moral Turpitude - Misrepresentation]

15 13. On or about May 24, 2012, Respondent stated to/stated in writing to Jason and  
16 Tanisha Ricks that U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley  
17 Division Judge Victoria Kaufman dismissed the Ricks' Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition, case no.  
18 1:11-23654 VK, for not being current with their payment plan when Respondent knew or was  
19 grossly negligent in not knowing the statement(s) were false, and thereby committed an act  
20 involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation of Business and  
21 Professions Code, section 6106.

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COUNT THIRTEEN

Case No. Case No. 14-O-00021  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i)  
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

14. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending against Respondent by failing to provide a substantive response to the State Bar's letters of April 15 and May 6, 2014, which Respondent received, that requested Respondent's response to the allegations of misconduct being investigated in case no. 14-O-00021, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i).

NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

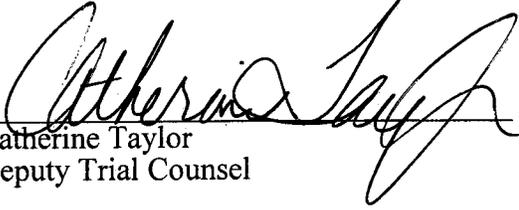
NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

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

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: November 17, 2014

By: 

Catherine Taylor  
Deputy Trial Counsel

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**  
**BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL**

CASE NOS.: 14-O-15013 [14-O-00021]

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service; that in the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day; that I am aware that on motion of party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit; and that in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of San Francisco, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

**NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as *certified mail, return receipt requested*, and in an additional sealed envelope as *regular mail*, at San Francisco, on the date shown below, addressed to:

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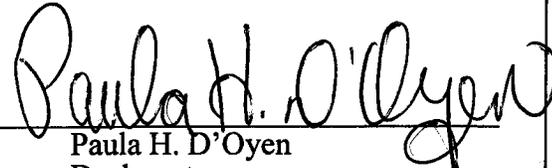
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at San Francisco, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: November 17, 2014

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Paula H. D'Oyen  
Declarant