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12 In the Matter of:) Case No. 14-O-04588
 13 STEVEN EARL SMITH, JR.,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
 No. 140031,)
 14)
 15 A Member of the State Bar)

NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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

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The State Bar of California alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. STEVEN EARL SMITH, JR. ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on June 6, 1989, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

COUNT ONE

Case No. 14-O-04588
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k)
[Failure to Comply With Conditions of Probation]

2. Respondent failed to comply with conditions attached to Respondent's disciplinary probation in State Bar Case nos. 10-J-02206, 09-O-19233 and 09-O-19348 (S198345), in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k), by the following:

- (a) by failing to pay restitution to Maria Meza, due May 16, 2014;
- (b) by failing to pay restitution in reimbursement to the State Bar Client Security Fund, due May 16, 2014;
- (c) by failing to submit timely quarterly reports with the Office of Probation due October 10, 2013 and January 10, 2014;
- (d) by failing to submit a timely final report with the Office of Probation due June 15, 2014.

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.

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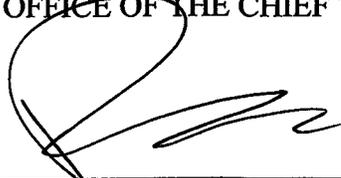
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NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

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: January 27 2015

By: _____
R. KEVIN BUCHER
Deputy Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBER(s): 14-O-04588

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, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:

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

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6) to:

- (for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0868 19 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)
(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS, Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

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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 Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: January 27, 2015

SIGNED: Ana Betosaru Nercessian Declarant