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10 STATE BAR COURT

11 HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

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13 In the Matter of:) Case No. 14-O-05514
14 MARK HENRY WILLIAMS,)
No. 220341,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
15)
16 A Member of the State Bar.)

17 **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**
20 **THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL:**

- 21 (1) **YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
22 (2) **YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU**
23 **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
24 (3) **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN**
25 **THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION**
26 **AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**
27 (4) **YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.**
28 **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.

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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. MARK HENRY WILLIAMS ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in
4 the State of California on July 2, 2002, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and
5 is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 14-O-05514
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)
9 [Failure to Perform with Competence]

10 2. In or about May 2007, Charles Eric Powell ("Powell") employed Respondent to
11 perform legal services, namely to pursue civil rights violations against the Orange County
12 Sherriff's Department on Powell's behalf in what would become *Powell v. County of Orange*,
13 Orange County Superior Court case no. 07CC05613, which Respondent intentionally, recklessly,
14 or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of Rules of Professional
15 Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by the following:

16 (A) Respondent failed to prosecute Powell's matter after Respondent filed the first
17 amended complaint in Powell's matter on July 18, 2007;

18 (B) Though the court served Respondent at his mailing address of record with notice of
19 an OSC re dismissal scheduled for October 7, 2009, Respondent failed to appear at
20 the OSC hearing.

21 COUNT TWO

22 Case No. 14-O-05514
23 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i)
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

24 3. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending
25 against Respondent by failing to provide a substantive response to the State Bar's letters of
26 December 4, 2014 and December 26, 2014 that requested Respondent's response to the

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1 allegations of misconduct being investigated in case no. 14-O-05514, which Respondent
2 received, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i).

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4 **NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!**

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

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14 **NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

15 **IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC**
16 **DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS**
17 **INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**
18 **AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND**
19 **PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

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21 Respectfully submitted,

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23 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
24 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

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26 DATED: June 2, 2015

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28 By: 

William Todd
Deputy Trial Counsel

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

CASE NUMBER: 14-O-05514

I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017-2515, 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 Los Angeles, on the date shown below, a true copy of the within

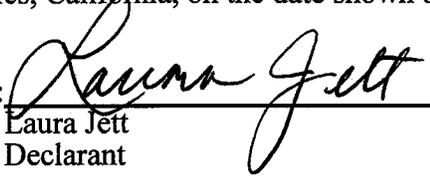
NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested, **Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2010 0719 69**, at Los Angeles, on the date shown below, addressed to:

Mark H. Williams
5959 W Century Blvd Ste 770
Los Angeles, CA 90045

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: June 2, 2015

Signed: 

Laura Jett
Declarant