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HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

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In the Matter of:

) Case No. 15-N-12501

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RICHARD D. ACKERMAN,
No. 171900,

) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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A Member of the State Bar

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NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

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

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- (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;
- (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU
21 WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;
- (3) YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN
22 THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION
AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;
- (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.
23 SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE
24 OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN
25 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. Richard D. Ackerman ("Respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the
4 State of California on November 23, 1994, 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. 15-N-12501
8 California Rules of Court, rule 9.20
[Failure to Obey Rule 9.20]

9 2. Respondent failed to file a declaration of compliance with California Rules of
10 Court, rule 9.20 in conformity with the requirements of rule 9.20(c) with the clerk of the State
11 Bar Court by April 17, 2015, as required by Supreme Court order number S211542, in willful
12 violation of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20. (A true and correct copy of the rule 9.20 order
13 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated by reference.)

14 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

23 NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!

24 **IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC**
25 **DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS**
26 **INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**
27 **AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND**
28 **PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

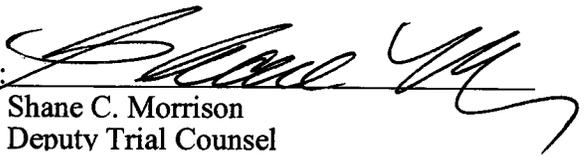
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Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: July 29, 2015

By: 
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Deputy Trial Counsel

FEB 06 2015

(State Bar Court No. 14-PM-04575)

S211542

Frank A. McGuire Clerk

Deputy

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

En Banc

In re RICHARD D. ACKERMAN on Discipline

The court orders that the probation of Richard D. Ackerman, State Bar Number 171900, is revoked. The court further orders that Richard D. Ackerman is suspended from the practice of law for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

1. Richard D. Ackerman is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first six months of his probation (with credit given for the period of involuntary inactive enrollment which commenced on December 22, 2014), and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
 - i. Richard D. Ackerman must submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of his successful completion of the State Bar's Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session within one year after the effective date of this order. Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for attending Ethics School. (Rule Proc. Of State Bar, rule 3201.)
 - ii. If he remains suspended for two years or more as a result of not satisfying the preceding condition, he must also provide proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and learning and ability in the general law before the suspension will be terminated. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)
2. Richard D. Ackerman must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order filed on December 22, 2014.

3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Richard D. Ackerman has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Richard D. Ackerman must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

CANTIL-SAKAUYE

Chief Justice

I, Frank A. McGuire, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that the preceding is a true copy of an order of this Court as shown by the records of my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court this

6 day of February 2006
Clerk

By: 
Deputy

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by
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CASE NUMBER(s): 15-N-12501

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 Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))
By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))
By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

- (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 0693 48 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)

Table with 4 columns: Person Served, Business-Residential Address, Fax Number, Courtesy Copy via U.S. First Class Mail to:
Row 1: RICHARD D. ACKERMAN, LAW OFFICES OF R.D. ACKERMAN, 27638 MOONRIDGE DR. MENIFEE, CA 92585, Electronic Address, RICHARD D. ACKERMAN LAW OFFICES OF R.D. ACKERMAN 27638 MOONRIDGE DR. MENIFEE, CA 92585

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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, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service (UPS).

I am aware that on motion of the 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.

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: July 29, 2015

SIGNED:

Sandra Jones signature and name: SANDRA JONES Declarant