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HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of	)	Case Nos.: 08-C-12723-PEM;
	)	09-O-10824-PEM (Consolidated.)
Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes,	)	
	)	ORDER
Member No. 118922,	)	
	)	
<u>A Member of the State Bar.</u>	)	

This matter is before the court on respondent ELIZABETH M. BARNSON KARNAZES'S January 16, 2014 motion for relief from the disciplinary costs that were assessed against her in this proceeding and her State Bar of California annual membership fees for the year 2014 or, in the alternative, for an extension of time to pay the disciplinary costs and her State Bar membership fees for the year 2014. This is respondent's third cost motion.<sup>1</sup>

The Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California opposes the motion. Respondent filed a reply to the State Bar's opposition on February 14, 2014.

The court lacks jurisdiction over respondent's request for relief from her annual membership fees and alternative request for an extension of time to pay those fees. Only the Board of Trustees is authorized to waive membership fees and late-payment penalties. (See Bus.

<sup>1</sup> In March 2013, on respondent's second cost motion, the court extended the time for respondent to pay costs and ordered costs to be paid in two equal installments in 2014 and in 2015.



& Prof. Code, § 6141.1, subd. (a).) Accordingly, the court will dismiss those two requests for want of jurisdiction.

Respondent has failed to establish sufficient hardship, special circumstances, or other good cause to grant her relief, in whole or in part, from the disciplinary costs assessed against her, but she has established sufficient hardship to grant her yet a third extension of time to pay those costs. Accordingly, the court will deny respondent's request for relief from costs, but will extend the time in which respondent must pay the costs.

**ORDER**

The court orders that respondent Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes's January 16, 2014 request for relief from her State Bar of California annual membership fees and respondent's alternative request for an extension of time to pay her State Bar annual membership fees are DISMISSED for want of jurisdiction.

The court further orders that respondent Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes's request for relief from the costs assessed against her in this proceeding is DENIED.

The court further orders that respondent Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes's alternative request for an extension of time to pay the costs assessed against her in this proceeding is GRANTED. One-half of the outstanding and unpaid costs must be paid with respondent Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes's State Bar annual membership fees for each of the years 2015 and 2016. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6086.10, subd. (c).)

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If respondent Elizabeth M. Barnson Karnazes fails to pay any installment described above, or as may be further modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately. The costs remain enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.<sup>2</sup>

Dated: March 4, 2014.

  
PAT McELROY  
Judge of the State Bar Court

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<sup>2</sup> Respondent has been continuously disqualified from practicing law in this state since October 25, 2012, when she was involuntarily enrolled as an inactive member of the State Bar of California in accordance with a decision and order filed on October 22, 2012, in State Bar Court case number 10-O-00334. Notwithstanding this order extending the time in which respondent must pay costs, respondent will remain disqualified from practicing law pending the final disposition of case number 10-O-00334. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6007, subd. (c)(4).)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

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ORDER

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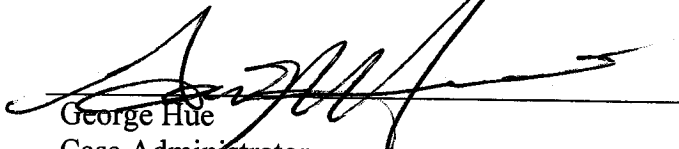
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on March 4, 2014.

  
George Hue  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court