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State Bar Court of California Hearing Department Los Angeles ACTUAL SUSPENSION

Counsel For The State Bar For Court use only Case Number(s): 14-C-02641 Sue Hong **PUBLIC MATTER Deputy Trial Counsel** 845 South Figueroa Street FILED Los Angeles, California 90017-2515 (213) 765-1161 JAN 2 7 201 Bar # 285852 In Pro Per Respondent STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO **Edward Louis Esposito Esposito & Associates** 100 N Brand Blvd FI 2 Glendale, CA 91203 (818) 548-3676 Submitted to: Settlement Judge STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING Bar # 166089 in the Matter of: **ACTUAL SUSPENSION EDWARD LOUIS ESPOSITO** ☐ PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED Bar # 166089 A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.

A. Parties' Acknowledgments:

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted November 23, 1993.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of 12 pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."

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(5)	Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law".					
(6)	The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."					
(7)	No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.					
(8)	Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):					
 Until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law relief is obtained per rule 5.130, Rules of Procedure. Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: (Hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 5.132, Rules of Procedure.) If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately. Costs are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs" Costs are entirely waived. 						
ľ		avating Circumstances [Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional onduct, standards 1.2(f) & 1.5]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are ired.				
(1)	⊠ (a)	Prior record of discipline ⊠ State Bar Court case # of prior case 00-O-14649				
	(b)	□ Date prior discipline effective March 24, 2002				
	(c)	⊠ Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rule 3-110, 3-500, 3-700				
	(d)	□ Degree of prior discipline Stayed Suspension				
	(e)	If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.				
(2)		Dishonesty: Respondent's misconduct was intentional, surrounded by, or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.				
(3)		Trust Violation: Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.				
(4)		Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice.				
(5)		Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.				
(6)		Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.				

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(6)		Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.					
(7)	\boxtimes	Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct. See attachment, page 9.					
(8)		Restitution: Respondent failed to make restitution.					
(9)	9) No aggravating circumstances are involved.						
Addit	ilona	al aggravating circumstances:					
		ating Circumstances [see standards 1.2(g) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating mstances are required.					
(1)		No Prior Discipline : Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.					
(2)		No Harm: Respondent did not harm the client, the public, or the administration of justice.					
(3)		Candor/Cooperation: Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings. See attachment, page 9.					
(4)		Remorse: Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct. See attachment, page 9.					
(5)		Restitution: Respondent paid \$ on in restitution to without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.					
(6)		Delay: These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.					
(7)		Good Faith: Respondent acted with a good faith belief that was honestly held and reasonable.					
(8)		Emotional/Physical Difficulties: At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical or mental disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and the difficulties or disabilities no longer pose a risk that Respondent will commit misconduct.					
(9)		Severe Financial Stress: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.					
(10)		Family Problems: At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.					
(11)		Good Character: Respondent's extraordinarily good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.					

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(12)		Rehabilitation: Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.				
(13)		No mitigating circumstances are involved.				
Addi	tiona	al mit	igatin	g circumstances:		
•	P	re-fili	ng St	ipulation - See attachment, page 9		
D. C	isci	plin	e:			
(1) Stayed Suspension:			uspension:			
	(a)		Resp	condent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years.		
		i.		and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1) Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.		
		ii.		and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.		
		iii.		and until Respondent does the following:		
	(b)	\boxtimes	The	above-referenced suspension is stayed.		
(2)	\boxtimes	☑ Probation:				
	Res date	pond of the	ent m ie Sup	ust be placed on probation for a period of three years , which will commence upon the effective preme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18, California Rules of Court)		
(3) Actual Suspension:		spension:				
	(a)	\boxtimes		condent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period yo years .		
		i.	\boxtimes	and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct		
		ii.		and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.		
		iii.		and until Respondent does the following:		
E. A	\ddi	tiona	al Co	nditions of Probation:		
(1)		he/s	he pro	dent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until oves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in the w, pursuant to standard 1.2(c)(1), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.		
(2)	\boxtimes	During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.				
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(3)		State inform	Bar and to the Office of Probation of	the State Bass and telepi	report to the Membership Records Office of the ar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of none number, or other address for State Barness and Professions Code.			
(4)		Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must						
(5)		promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request. Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.						
		In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.						
(6)		Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.						
(7)	\boxtimes	Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.						
(8)	\boxtimes	Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.						
			No Ethics School recommended. R	eason:				
(9)		Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.						
(10)		The f	following conditions are attached here	eto and inco	porated:			
			Substance Abuse Conditions		Law Office Management Conditions			
			Medical Conditions		Financial Conditions			
F. C	the	r Cor	nditions Negotiated by the Pa	rties:				
(1)	\boxtimes	the Co	Multistate Professional Responsibility inference of Bar Examiners, to the Off	y Examination of the second of	on: Respondent must provide proof of passage of on ("MPRE"), administered by the National tion during the period of actual suspension or within ss the MPRE results in actual suspension without			

ATTACHMENT TO

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF:

EDWARD LOUIS ESPOSITO

CASE NUMBER:

14-0-01610

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense for which he was convicted involved moral turpitude and other misconduct warranting discipline.

Case No. 14-C-02641 (Conviction Proceedings)

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND IN CONVICTION PROCEEDING:

- 1. This is a proceeding pursuant to sections 6101 and 6102 of the Business and Professions Code and rule 9.10 of the California Rules of Court.
- 2. On December 5, 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, case no. BA405386, charging Respondent with one count of violation of Penal Code section 549 [false and fraudulent claims], a felony.
- 3. On April 28, 2014, the complaint was amended by interlineation to add Count Two, a violation of Insurance Code § 750(a) [unlawful offer or receipt of consideration by claims handlers for referral or procurement of clients], a misdemeanor, and Respondent entered a guilty plea to and was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Insurance Code § 750(a). Based thereon, the court found Respondent guilty of that count. Pursuant to a plea agreement, the court dismissed the remaining counts in the furtherance of justice.
- 4. At the time of the entry of the plea, the court ordered that Respondent be sentenced to two years formal probation 40 hours of community service and to pay fines and fees and obey all laws.
- 5. On July 30, 2014, Respondent's showed proof of his compliance with his terms and conditions of probation and filed a motion to terminate probation pursuant to Penal Code § 1203.3, which the court granted.
- 6. On July 17, 2014, the Review Department of the State Bar Court issued an order referring the matter to the Hearing Department for a hearing and decision recommending the discipline to be imposed in the event that the Hearing Department finds that the facts and circumstances surrounding the offense(s) for which Respondent was convicted involved moral turpitude or other misconduct warranting discipline.

FACTS:

- 7. In or around December of 1999, Respondent hired Apollo Shirvanian (hereinafter "Shirvanian") as a paralegal to file personal injury claims in Respondent's new law office in Glendale, California. Respondent's salary agreement with Shirvanian was Shirvanian would receive 50% of the total attorney's fees for each client he brought into the office and for each case he worked on. Shirvanian was given a 1099 at the end of every year. Shirvanian worked with Respondent until Shirvanian was fired around March 1, 2009. Respondent admits to fee splitting with Shirvanian, a non-lawyer from the time he was hired until Respondent fired him.
- 8. Between January 2000 and March 2009, Shirvanian managed several hundred personal injury cases. Shirvanian's duties in those cases included meeting with clients, having them sign a retainer agreement, obtaining the facts regarding the auto accident, filing the insurance claim with the insurance company and negotiating and settling the insurance claim, without Respondent's adequate supervision.
- 9. Respondent deposited the medical pay checks from insurance companies given to respondent on behalf of the clients. Subsequently, Respondent issued checks from his client trust account and gave Shirvanian the checks to disburse to the respective clients. However, Shirvanian diverted the proceeds and cashed hundreds of the checks for himself.
- 10. In these personal injury cases, Respondent had a pre-arranged referral fee with doctors and other sources who referred personal injury cases to the Law Office of Edward Esposito. When Respondent's law office referred a case to a doctor, the law office received one-third, the doctor received 17% and the rest went to the client and the source. When the doctor referred the case to Respondent's law office, the law office received 17%, the doctor received one-third, and the rest went to the client and the source. Shirvanian determined the breakdown of the settlement with the appropriate distributions, gave the breakdown to Respondent, who would then issue checks to the appropriate parties pursuant to the breakdown. Respondent was the only signatory on his client trust account.
- 11. In some cases as part of the breakdown, the client receiving the settlement funds would be issued two checks by Respondent from Respondent's client trust account, one check would go to the client and the second check, in the client's name, would go to the referral source.
- 12. Shirvanian pled guilty to multiple counts of violating Penal Code section 549 [false insurance claims], and section 487 [grand theft].
- 13. During an investigation on Shirvanian conducted by law enforcement, Respondent learned of Shirvanian's misconduct. As soon as Respondent discovered that the checks had been stolen by Shirvanian, Respondent contacted clients and physicians who should have received proceeds from the medical pay checks to confirm that they had received the payment. Respondent voluntarily paid a total of \$93,000 to those clients and physicians who had not received the money within months of discovering Shirvanian's misconduct.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

14. The facts and circumstances surrounding the above-described violation(s) involve moral turpitude.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Prior Record of Discipline (Std. 1.5(a)): Respondent has one prior record of discipline. His prior discipline was a three month stayed suspension effective in 2002, case number 00-O-14649. The case was a single client matter in which Respondent failed to perform, failed to communicate, and failed to withdrew properly from representing his client.

Multiple acts of wrongdoing (Std. 1.5(b)): The facts and circumstances surrounding Respondent's conviction involved failing to supervise his paralegal, and capping in several cases over a period of nine years. Sometimes multiple acts of misconduct are considered serious aggravation. (See In the Matter of Valinoti (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 498, 555.)

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Candor/Cooperation (Std. 1.6(e)): Respondent displayed candor and cooperation with law enforcement and assisted them in prosecuting his paralegal and other cappers involved in the scheme. Respondent cooperated knowing his cooperation would result in State Bar proceedings against himself. Respondent voluntarily paid \$93,000 to insurance companies, physicians, and clients to cover the stolen medical pay checks to remedy the paralegal's misconduct. (See *In the Matter of Jones* (Review Dept. 1993) 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 411.) Respondent also quickly admitted his culpability and misconduct to the facts and circumstances surrounding the conviction to the State Bar.

Remorse/Recognition of Wrongdoing (Std. 1.6(g)): Respondent took prompt objective steps, demonstrating spontaneous remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing and timely atonement by contacting each client and physician who should have received proceeds from the medical pay checks as soon as he learned of Shirvanian's misconduct. Within months of discovering Shirvanian's misconduct, Respondent voluntarily paid \$93,000 to clients and physicians who had not received their proceeds from the medical pay checks.

ADDITIONAL FACTS RE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Pre-trial Stipulation: Respondent admitted to the misconduct and entered into this stipulation to resolve this matter. Respondent's cooperation at this early stage has saved the State Bar significant resources and time. (Silva-Vidor v. State Bar (1989) 49 Cal.3d 1071, 1079 [where mitigative credit was given for entering into a stipulation as to facts and culpability].)

AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE.

The Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct "set forth a means for determining the appropriate disciplinary sanction in a particular case and to ensure consistency across cases dealing with similar misconduct and surrounding circumstances." (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.1. All further references to the Standards are to this source.) The Standards help fulfill the primary purposes of discipline, which include: protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; maintenance of the highest professional standards; and

preservation of public confidence in the legal profession. (See std. 1.1; *In re Morse* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 184, 205.)

Although not binding, the Standards are entitled to "great weight" and should be followed "whenever possible" in determining level of discipline. (In re Silverton (2005) 36 Cal.4th 81, 92, quoting In re Brown (1995) 12 Cal.4th 205, 220 and In re Young (1989) 49 Cal.3d 257, 267, fn. 11.) Adherence to the Standards in the great majority of cases serves the valuable purpose of eliminating disparity and assuring consistency, that is, the imposition of similar attorney discipline for instances of similar attorney misconduct. (In re Naney (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 190.) If a recommendation is at the high end or low end of a standard, an explanation must be given as to how the recommendation was reached. (Std. 1.1.) "Any disciplinary recommendation that deviates from the Standards must include clear reasons for the departure." (Std. 1.1; Blair v. State Bar (1989) 49 Cal.3d 762, 776, fn. 5.)

In determining whether to impose a sanction greater or less than that specified in a given standard, in addition to the factors set forth in the specific standard, consideration is to be given to the primary purposes of discipline; the balancing of all aggravating and mitigating circumstances; the type of misconduct at issue; whether the client, public, legal system or profession was harmed; and the member's willingness and ability to conform to ethical responsibilities in the future. (Stds. 1.7(b) and (c).)

The sanction applicable to Respondent's misconduct is found in Standard 2.11(c), which states "[d]isbarment or actual suspension is appropriate for final conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In a criminal conviction referral proceeding, "discipline is imposed according to the gravity of the crime and the circumstances of the case." (In the Matter of Katz (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Ba Ct. Rptr. 502, 510.) Here, Respondent was involved in capping and allowed his paralegal to run his office without Respondent's adequate supervision for a period of nine years, which created an environment for his paralegal to engage in serious criminal misconduct. Standard 1.8(a) also applies because Respondent has one prior act of discipline. Standard 1.8(a) provides "[i]f a member has a single prior record of discipline, the sanction must be greater than the previously imposed sanction unless the prior discipline was so remote in time and the previous misconduct was not serious enough that imposing greater discipline would be manifestly unjust." Respondent's prior act of discipline resulted in a probation with a three month stayed suspension. Therefore, in light of the gravity and extent of Respondent's misconduct and his prior discipline, a significant actual suspension is warranted.

Instructive regarding the conduct in the instant matter is *In the Matter of Oheb* (Review Dept. 2006) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 920. In *Oheb*, the attorney was convicted of two felony violations of Penal Code § 549(a). The attorney entered into a fee splitting arrangement with a non-attorney involving referring personal injury cases resulting from automobile accidents and allowed the non-attorney to work on the cases with very little instruction or supervision. The accidents referred were staged accidents but the hearing department found, with the Review Department agreeing, the attorney was not aware the accidents were staged. The court held Respondent's conviction of Penal Code § 549, coupled with his conduct of fee splitting with a non-attorney as well as capping, involved moral turpitude. The court further found that the attorney's recklessness involved moral turpitude because he permitted the non-attorney to sign up clients without his knowledge or approval and knowingly failed to monitor the cases referred to him. In determining the level of discipline, the court found that the attorney committed multiple acts of wrongdoing, personal gain, substantial harm, and failure to make restitution as factors in aggravation and cooperation, naiveté, and good character evidence as mitigating factors. The review Department originally recommended that the attorney be suspended for two years actual but the

California Supreme Court remanded the case back to the Review Department to reconsider the level of discipline, which subsequently recommended disbarment.

Applying the above mentioned case to the instant matter, it appears that a two year actual suspension is appropriate. Although the conduct in *Oheb* of fee splitting with a non-attorney, capping, and reckless management of his office by permitting the non-attorney to sign up clients without the attorney's knowledge or approval and knowingly failing to monitor the cases referred to him is similar to the conduct in the instant matter, *Oheb* is more egregious than the instant case in that *Oheb* was convicted of two felony violations of Penal Code § 549 involving false insurance claims, whereas Respondent was only convicted of one count of Insurance Code § 750, a misdemeanor. Further, Respondent was not the principal actor in the capping even though he was aware of and allowed his law office to engage in the capping. As such, Respondent's conduct in the case at hand is not as egregious as the conduct in *Oheb* to warrant disbarment. Further, respondent's mitigation is significant in that he displayed candor and cooperation by cooperating with the authorities in the prosecution of his paralegal, and has also expressed remorse by voluntarily paying back approximately \$93,000 to physicians and clients to cover the stolen medical pay checks to remedy the paralegal's misconduct. As further mitigation, Respondent has cooperated with the State Bar in its investigation and has entered into a pretrial stipulation.

Based upon the facts and circumstances of Respondent's misconduct, the aggravating factors, the mitigating circumstances, and the guidance of applicable case law, a two year actual suspension, and three year stayed suspension, with three years of probation is appropriate and consistent with the purposes of discipline expressed in Standard 1.1.

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of January 1, 2014, the prosecution costs in this matter are \$2,447. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

EXCLUSION FROM MCLE CREDIT

Pursuant to rule 3201, Respondent may <u>not</u> receive MCLE credit for completion State Bar Ethics School. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

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In the Matter of: EDWARD LOUIS ESPOSITO	Case number(s): 14-C-02641-LMA				
SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES					

By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Disposition.

1-8-15		EDWARD ESPOSITO
Date	Respondent's Signature	Print Name
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
8 15 Date	Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature	SUE HONG Print Name

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	ACTUAL SU	SPENSION ORDER
Finding the s	stipulation to be fair to the parties and that ismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRAN	it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the ITED without prejudice, and:
	The stipulated facts and disposition are a Supreme Court.	APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the
	The stipulated facts and disposition are a DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the	APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the Supreme Court.
	All Hearing dates are vacated.	
within 15 da stipulation. (ys after service of this order, is granted; or See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure	unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved e.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date ys after file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of
Date	1-26-15	EORGE E. SCOTT, JUDGE PRO TEM
Dato		idge of the State Bar Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of San Francisco, on January 27, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at San Francisco, California, addressed as follows:

EDWARD LOUIS ESPOSITO ESPOSITO & ASSOCIATES 100 N BRAND BLVD FL 2 GLENDALE, CA 91203

by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

SUE K. HONG, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on January 27, 2015.

Bernadette C.O. Molina Case Administrator State Bar Court