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STATE BAR COURT  
HEARING DEPARTMENT - SAN FRANCISCO

In the Matter of: ) Case No. 15-O-12925  
) 15-O-16066  
ALIYAH SABREEN ABDULLAH, )  
No. 282927, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
)  
A Member of the State Bar )

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

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

- (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
- (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU  
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
- (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;**
- (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.  
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.**

The State Bar of California alleges:



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JURISDICTION

1. ALIYAH SABREEN ABDULLAH ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on June 5, 2012, 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. 15-O-12925  
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
[Failure to Perform with Competence]

2. In or about May 2014, Savannah Urzua employed Respondent to perform legal services, namely to obtain a court order modifying custody and visitation rights concerning her son. Thereafter, Respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by failing to take any action with the court or file any pleading seeking to obtain a court order modifying the custody or visitation rights concerning Urzua's son.

COUNT TWO

Case No. 15-O-12925  
Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

3. Respondent failed to respond promptly to any of her client, Savannah Urzua's, multiple reasonable voice, text and e-mail messages seeking a status update between July 1, 2014 and April 15, 2015, that Respondent received in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

COUNT THREE

Case No. 15-O-12925  
Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2)  
[Failure to Refund Unearned Fees]

4. Between May 2014 and April 2015, Respondent received advance fees of \$2,300 from a client, Savannah Urzua, for Respondent's representation in obtaining a court order

1 modifying custody and visitation rights concerning her son. Respondent failed to take any action  
2 with the court or file any pleading seeking to obtain a court order modifying the custody or  
3 visitation rights concerning Urzua's son and therefore earned none of the advance fees paid.  
4 Respondent failed to refund promptly, upon Respondent's termination of employment on or  
5 about April 22, 2015, any part of the \$2,300 fee to the client, in willful violation of Rules of  
6 Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

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8 COUNT FOUR

9 Case No. 15-O-12925  
10 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1)  
[Failure to Release File]

11 5. Respondent failed to release promptly, after termination of Respondent's employment  
12 on or about April 22, 2015, to Respondent's client, Savannah Urzua, all of the client's papers and  
13 property following the client's request for the client's file on or about April 22, 2015, in willful  
14 violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1).

15 COUNT FIVE

16 Case No. 15-O-12925  
17 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3)  
[Failure to Render Accounts of Client Funds]

18 6. Between May 2014 and April 2015, Respondent received from Respondent's client,  
19 Savannah Urzua, the sum of \$2,300 as advance fees for legal services to be performed.  
20 Respondent thereafter failed to render an appropriate accounting to the client regarding those  
21 funds following the termination of Respondent's employment on or about April 22, 2015, in  
22 willful violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3).  
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1 17, 2016, any part of the \$2,300 fee to the client, in willful violation of Rules of Professional  
2 Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

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4 COUNT NINE

5 Case No. 15-O-16066  
6 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1)  
7 [Failure to Release File]

8 10. Respondent failed to release promptly, after termination of Respondent's employment  
9 on or about January 17, 2016, to Respondent's client, Marina Cervantes, all of the client's papers  
10 and property following the client's request for the client's file on or about January 17, 2016, in  
11 willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1).

12 COUNT TEN

13 Case No. 15-O-16066  
14 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3)  
15 [Failure to Render Accounts of Client Funds]

16 11. Between July 21, 2014 and January 14, 2016, Respondent received from  
17 Respondent's client, Marina Cervantes, the sum of \$2,300 as advance fees for legal services to  
18 be performed. Respondent thereafter failed to render an appropriate accounting to the client  
19 regarding those funds following upon the termination of Respondent's employment on or about  
20 January 17, 2016, in willful violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3).

21 NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!

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

NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!


**IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC  
DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS**

1 **INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**  
2 **AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND**  
3 **PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

3 Respectfully submitted,

4 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
5 OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

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7 DATED: December 16, 2016

8 By:   
9 Kevin B. Taylor  
10 Supervising Senior Trial Counsel  
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

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CASE NUMBERS: 15-O-12925; 15-O-16066

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, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, California 94105, 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



By U.S. First-Class Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))

- 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 San Francisco.



By U.S. Certified Mail: (CCP §§ 1013 and 1013(a))



By Overnight Delivery: (CCP §§ 1013(c) and 1013(d))

- I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS') Next Day Air / Worldwide Express.



By Fax Transmission: (CCP §§ 1013(e) and 1013(f))

Based on agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed herein below. No error was reported by the fax machine that I used. The original record of the fax transmission is retained on file and available upon request.



By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person(s) at the electronic addresses listed herein below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.



(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at San Francisco, 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 2042 4862 98 at San Francisco, 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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Aliyah S. Abdullah	PO Box 1297 Lodi, CA 95241-1297	Electronic Address	5289 Vesta Circle Stockton, CA 95219

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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 San Francisco, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: December 16, 2016

SIGNED:

Paula H. D'Oyen  
Declarant