State Bar Court of California **Hearing Department** Los Angeles STAYED SUSPENSION PUBLIC MATTER Counsel For The State Bar Case Number(s): For Court use only 15-O-15386-CV Jennifer Kishimizu Pinney State Bar of California Office of Chief Trial Counsel 845 S. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 765-1349 MAR 2 9 2017 Bar # 280869 STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE In Pro Per Respondent LOS ANGELES **Michael Anthony Younge** 180 N. Riverview Dr. Ste. 210 Anaheim, CA 92808 (714) 242-4027 Submitted to: Assigned Judge Bar # 170929 STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING in the Matter of: MICHAEL ANTHONY YOUNGE STAYED SUSPENSION: NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION Bar # 170929 ☐ PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED 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 June 7, 1994.
- (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 13 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)		he 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 bending 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):			
	Costs are added to membership fee for calendar year following effective date of discipline. Costs are to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: three billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (Hardship special circumstances or other good cause per rule 5.132, Rules of Procedure). If Respondent fails pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.				
			ests are waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs". sts are entirely waived.		
Mis		duct	ing Circumstances [Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional , standards 1.2(h) & 1.5]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are		
(1)	\boxtimes	Prio	r record of discipline		
	(a)	\boxtimes	State Bar Court case # of prior case 14-O-00148		
	(b)	\boxtimes	Date prior discipline effective August 6, 2015		
	(c)		Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rules of Prof. Conduct, rule 3-110(A); rule 3-700(A)(2); rule 3-700(D)(1); and Bus. & Prof. Code, section 6068(m).		
	(d)	\boxtimes	Degree of prior discipline One-year period of stayed suspension and one year of probation with conditions.		
	(e)		If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below or a separate attachment entitled "Prior Discipline.		
(2)		Intentional/Bad Faith/Dishonesty: Respondent's misconduct was dishonest, intentional, or surrounded by, or followed by bad faith.			
(3)		Misr	representation: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by misrepresentation.		
4)		Con	cealment: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by concealment.		
5)		Ove	rreaching: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by overreaching.		
6)			harged Violations: Respondent's conduct involves uncharged violations of the Business and essions Code, or the Rules of Professional Conduct.		

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(7)		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		
(8)		Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public, or the administration of justice.		
(9)		Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.		
(10)		Candor/Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct, or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations or proceedings.		
(11)		Multiple Acts: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing.		
(12)		Pattern: Respondent's current misconduct demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.		
(13)		Restitution: Respondent failed to make restitution.		
(14)		Vulnerable Victim: The victim(s) of Respondent's misconduct was/were highly vulnerable.		
(15)		No aggravating circumstances are involved.		
C. N	litig	al aggravating circumstances ating Circumstances [see standards 1.2(i) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating stances 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 likely to recur.		
(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 or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations and proceedings. See Attachment, page 9.		
(4)		Remorse: Respondent promptly took objective steps demonstrating spontaneous remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.		
(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 objectively 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		

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				any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and the difficulties ies 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.				
(12)		Rehabilitation: Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by subsequent rehabilitation.				
(13)		No r	nitigat	ting circumstances are involved.		
Addi	tiona	al mit	igatin	g circumstances		
	Fan God	otional and Physical Difficulties: See Attachment, page 9. mily Problems: See Attachment, page 9. od Character: See Attachment, page 10. etrial Stipulation: See Attachment, page 10.				
D. D	isci	pline	e:			
(1)	\boxtimes	Stay	ed Sus	spension:		
	(a)	\boxtimes	Resp	ondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years.		
		i.		and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general 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:		
	The	abov	e-refe	renced suspension is stayed.		
(2)	\boxtimes	Prob	ation:			
	Respondent is placed on probation for a period of two (2) years , which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18 California Rules of Court.)					
E. A	ddit	iona	l Cor	nditions of Probation:		
(1)	\boxtimes	During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.				
(2)		Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of				

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			mation, including current office addresoses, as prescribed by section 6002.		hone number, or other address for State Bar ness and Professions Code.			
(3)	\boxtimes	and s cond proba	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 promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.					
(4)		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.			der penalty of perjury, Respondent must state Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all quarter. Respondent must also state whether there State Bar Court and if so, the case number and Ild cover less than 30 days, that report must be			
		In ad twent	dition to all quarterly reports, a final re ty (20) days before the last day of the	eport, conta period of p	ining the same information, is due no earlier than obation and no later than the last day of probation.			
(5)		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.						
(6)		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.						
(7)	\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 State Bar Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.						
			No Ethics School recommended. R	eason:				
(8)	×	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.						
(9)		The f	following conditions are attached here	eto and inco	porated:			
			Substance Abuse Conditions		Law Office Management Conditions			
			Medical Conditions		Financial Conditions			
F. O	ther	Con	nditions Negotiated by the Pa	rties:				
(1)		the Cor res	Multistate Professional Responsibility ofference of Bar Examiners, to the Offi	/ Examination ice of Proba iurther hear	on: Respondent must provide proof of passage of on ("MPRE"), administered by the National tion within one year. Failure to pass the MPRE ing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Procedure.			

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		☐ No MPRE recommended. Reason:			
(2) [Other Conditions:			

ATTACHMENT TO

STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION

IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHAEL ANTHONY YOUNGE

CASE NUMBER:

15-O-15386

FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

Michael Anthony Younge (Respondent) admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

Case No. 15-O-15386 (State Bar Investigation)

FACTS:

- 1. On or about October 31, 2013, Esther Salgado and Felipe Rodriguez hired Respondent to represent them in a petition for Salgado to obtain permanent legal resident status through her United States citizen husband, Rodriguez.
 - 2. Respondent charged his clients \$2,150 to file an I-130 Petition for Alien Relative.
- 3. On November 7, 2013, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received Salgado's I-130 Petition for Alien Relative, and the petition was approved on April 23, 2014.
- 4. On or about May 21, 2014, Salgado and Rodriguez met with Respondent, paid him an additional \$3,300.00 in cash and signed the immigration documents prepared by Respondent.
- 5. Respondent prepared and had Salgado sign the I-485 Application to Register Permanent Status or Adjust Status, I-601 Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, G-325A Biographic Information, and G-28 Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative.
- 6. Given Salgado's immigration status, consular processing should have been pursued. Respondent did not prepare consular processing documents.
- 7. After the May 21, 2014 meeting, Respondent's clients believed that their application for legal permanent residency was going to be filed immediately.
- 8. Respondent and his clients received a letter from USCIS dated June 15, 2015 notifying them that a year of inactivity had passed. The letter also inquired whether Salgado still wanted to proceed with her immigrant visa application. After receiving this letter Rodriguez contacted Respondent.
- 9. On or about July 8, 2015, Respondent met with his clients and they signed an updated set of the I-485 Application for filing. Respondent assured them that the adjustment of status documents would be filed promptly.

- 10. After the July 8, 2015 meeting, Respondent gave the immigration documents to his legal assistant, Amany Simmonds, for filing. Simmonds was and is also Respondent's current wife.
- 11. In early September 2015, Salgado and Rodriguez contacted Respondent regarding the status of their application. Simmonds had assured Respondent that Salgado's immigration documents had been mailed. Respondent informed his clients that they were waiting for a response from USCIS.
- 12. The State Bar confirmed that later in September 2015, Salgado and Rodriguez paid \$5,000.00 to hire a new attorney to handle their permanent legal residency application through consular processing because they were dissatisfied with Respondent's representation.
 - 13. In a letter dated October 7, 2015, Salgado filed a complaint with the State Bar.
- 14. The State Bar notified Respondent regarding Salgado's complaint in a letter dated March 7, 2016. Simmonds received the letter and discovered that she had misplaced Salgado's documents in another client's file with a similar last name. As a result, these documents were never filed.
- 15. On March 10, 2016, Simmonds met with Respondent's clients to apologize for neglecting to file their immigration documents. Simmonds agreed to pay \$4,000.00 to Salgado and Rodriguez in exchange for them withdrawing their State Bar complaint. The next day, Salgado and Rodriguez informed Simmonds that they did not want the money and that they were proceeding with the State Bar complaint. Simmonds never paid Salgado and Rodriguez.
- 16. Respondent was not present at the March 10, 2016 meeting. Respondent did not have knowledge of Simmond's contact with Salgado and Rodriguez. Simmonds was not authorized by Respondent to extend the offer of payment.
 - 17. On April 7, 2016, Simmonds informed Respondent of her actions.
- 18. In a letter to the State Bar dated April 11, 2016, Respondent informed the State Bar regarding Simmonds' meeting and offer to pay Salgado and Rodriguez to withdraw their State Bar complaint.
- 19. On May 17, 2016, Respondent issued a refund of \$3,300.00 that Salgado and Rodriguez had originally paid for the I-485 Application after State Bar involvement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

20. By failing to supervise his legal assistant who misplaced his clients' immigration paperwork for approximately eight months resulting in a delay in his client obtaining permanent legal resident status, Respondent recklessly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct rule 3-110(A).

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Prior Record of Discipline (Std. 1.5(a)): Respondent was admitted to the California State Bar on June 7, 1994. He has one prior record of discipline. On March 10, 2015, Respondent entered into a stipulation in State Bar Court Case Number 14-O-00148 admitting that he failed to communicate (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6068, subd. (m)), failed to perform (Rules of Prof. Conduct, rule 3-110(A)), failed to

take reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice upon termination of representation (Rules of Prof. Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2)) and failed to return documents (Rules of Prof. Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1)) in a personal injury litigation matter. Respondent's misconduct occurred between May 2011 and November 2013. Respondent's misconduct was aggravated by Respondent's multiple acts of misconduct resulting in significant harm to his client and mitigated by Respondent's lack of prior discipline and pre-filing stipulation agreement. Respondent received one year stayed suspension and one year of probation with conditions. The California Supreme Court Order was filed by on July 7, 2015 and became effective on August 6, 2015.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Candor and Cooperation with the State Bar (Std. 1.2(e)): Respondent has cooperated at all stages of the State Bar's investigation. He has acknowledged wrongfulness and remorse for his legal assistant misplacing his clients' immigration paperwork. Respondent also informed the State Bar regarding his legal assistant's improper offer to pay his clients for withdrawing their State Bar complaint. (In the Matter of Spaith (Review Dept. 1996) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 511 [candor and cooperation with the State Bar during the disciplinary investigation and proceeding can be a mitigating circumstance].)

Emotional and Physical Difficulties: In or around January 2013, Respondent started developing symptoms of a chronic digestive disease. When his condition flared, it caused inflammation and severe pain that affected his ability to work or focus. His condition required treatment through antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs, and pain medication. Respondent suffered from recurrent flares from March 2014 until December 2015. As a result, Respondent had to take time away from work which affected his attentiveness to office responsibilities. Respondent continues to treat his medical condition, which is currently under control with medication and dietary modifications.

On November 2, 2015, Respondent underwent surgery to repair a rotator cuff tear in his right shoulder. Prior to Respondent's surgery and during his recovery, Respondent experienced significant pain in his right arm which reduced his productivity and ability to work. As part of his recovery, Respondent's arm was in a cast and he spent time on bed rest without the ability to use his right hand due to his pain and discomfort. Respondent was treated with anti-inflammatory, pain medication and his shoulder was connected to a refrigeration machine for approximately 90 days after surgery. Respondent has regained 85% use of his shoulder and he takes anti-inflammatory medication when he has slight pain or discomfort. As a result of these issues, Respondent neglected his law practice and more specifically, the legal matter of Salgado and Rodriguez.

Respondent is entitled to some mitigation for these issues. (See *In the Matter of Mitchell* (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 332 [the Supreme Court may consider lay testimony of emotional problems as mitigation. A respondent's testimony regarding his family problems should not be entirely discounted on the ground that no causal connection was established by expert testimony between personal problems and misconduct]; see also *Lawhorn v. State Bar* (1987) 49 Cal. 3d. 646, 667.)

Family Problems: Respondent began a contentious period of separation from his wife in early 2013. He left the marital residence on or about June 2, 2015, which caused disruption in his work from June 2015 through March 2016. Respondent's stress from his separation and divorce has lessened due to an anticipated dissolution settlement and he is better able to focus on his law practice as a result. (In re Naney (1990) 51 Cal.3d 186, 197 [marital problems can be mitigating].)

Good Character: Respondent submitted four character letters attesting to Respondent's good character. The affiants include two attorneys and two clients who all have known him for over 20 years. The authors are aware of the Respondent's misconduct and they nonetheless attest to Respondent's good character, particularly that he is a hard-working, dedicated attorney with integrity. (See *In the Matter of Hertz* (Review Dept. 1991) 1 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 456, 467, 471 [six character witnesses can establish good character, even though not every witness knew all of the details of the respondent's misconduct].)

Pretrial Stipulation: By entering into this stipulation, Respondent has acknowledged misconduct and is entitled to mitigation for recognition of wrongdoing and saving 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]; In the Matter of Spaith (Review Dept. 1996) 3 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 511, 521 [where the attorney's stipulation to facts and culpability was held to be a mitigating circumstance].)

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 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.)

Pursuant to standard 1.8(a), "[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." Thus, the instant discipline should be greater than Respondent's prior discipline.

Standard 2.7(c) applies for Respondent's failure to perform. Standard 2.7(c) states, "Suspension or reproval is the presumed sanction for performance, communication, or withdrawal violations, which are limited in scope or time. The degree of sanction depends on the extent of the misconduct and the degree of harm to the client or clients."

Here, the extent of Respondent's misconduct involves his failure to perform legal services competently in one client matter by failing to supervise his legal assistant in ensuring that his clients' immigration documents were properly filed. Although his clients were delayed in applying for permanent legal

residency and had to pay another immigration attorney \$5,000.00 to complete her consular processing application, this harm, while serious, is not aggravating. Respondent's aggravating factor includes his prior misconduct. Respondent's prior record of discipline involved four counts of misconduct in one client matter for which he entered into a stipulation on March 10, 2015 for a one-year period of stayed suspension and one year of probation with conditions.

Respondent's misconduct is mitigated by several factors, including good character, emotional and physical difficulties, family problems, candor and cooperation with the State Bar, and entering into a stipulation to fully resolve this matter. Respondent also refunded his clients \$3,300.00 they had paid for the I-485 Application that had been misplaced. Although Respondent is not entitled to mitigation for restitution since he had an obligation to return unearned fees and his refund was made after State Bar's involvement, it is indicative of Respondent's remorse and relevant for determining the appropriate level of discipline. Additionally, Respondent has instituted remedial measures demonstrating his willingness and ability to conform to his ethical responsibilities. Respondent has reduced his caseload from 100 to 25 active clients, no longer accepts immigration cases and has limited his practice area to family law, civil litigation and bankruptcy law. He also instituted daily meetings with his legal assistant and monthly case management reviews.

In weighing the misconduct, along with Respondent's mitigation and aggravation of Respondent's prior misconduct, the appropriate level of discipline is a two-year period of stayed suspension and two years of probation with conditions as outlined herein.

This level of discipline is consistent with case law. In Van Sloten v. State Bar (1989) 48 Cal.3d 921, Van Sloten ceased performing any services for a single client and was found culpable of a single act of failing to perform. In aggravation, Van Sloten failed to appear for the oral argument of the appeal of the referee's decision, which the Supreme Court found demonstrated a lack of concern for the disciplinary process and a failure to appreciate the seriousness of the charges against him. (Id. at p. 933.) Van Sloten had no prior record of discipline and the court imposed a six-month stayed suspension with one year of probation. The misconduct in the present case is similar because Respondent failed to provide legal services competently in one client matter. Unlike the attorney in Van Sloten, Respondent has a prior record of discipline. This, in addition to the Standard 1.8(a) presumption that discipline be progressive, warrants a level of discipline greater than the six month stayed suspension in Van Sloten, as well as the one-year period of stayed suspension ordered in Respondent's prior matter.

In light of the foregoing, discipline consisting of a two-year period of stayed suspension and two years of probation with conditions is appropriate to protect the public, the courts and the legal profession, maintain high professional standards by attorneys, and preserve public confidence in the legal profession. (Std. 1.1.)

COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of March 7, 2017, the discipline costs in this matter are \$3,669.00. 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 MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION ("MCLE") CREDIT.

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

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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.

3/10/17	Milal A you Respondent's Signature	Michael Anthony Younge
Date	Respondent's Signature	Print Name
Date	Respondent's Counsel Signature	Print Name
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Date	Deputy Trial Course's Signature	Print Name

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	STAYED SUSPE	ENSION ORDER
Finding the s requested dis	tipulation to be fair to the parties and that it ad smissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED	equately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the D without prejudice, and:
	The stipulated facts and disposition are APP Supreme Court.	ROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the
Ø	The stipulated facts and disposition are APP DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Sup	ROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the preme Court.
	All Hearing dates are vacated.	
	age 1 in the caption of the Stipulation, folloand in its place Insert the word, "Settlement	owing the words "Submitted to;" Delete the word nt."
within 15 day stipulation. (S	rs after service of this order, is granted; or 2) the See rule 5.58(E) & (F), Rules of Procedure.) Th	s: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed his court modifies or further modifies the approved he effective date of this disposition is the effective data ter file date. (See rule 9.18(a), California Rules of

3/29/17

Date

Judge 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 Los Angeles, on March 29, 2017, 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 Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

MICHAEL A. YOUNGE MICHAEL A YOUNGE 180 N RIVERVIEW DR STE 210 ANAHEIM, CA 92808

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

ASAMI J. KISHIMIZU PINNEY, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 29, 2017.

Paul Barona

Case Administrator

State Bar Court