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**STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES**

In the Matter of)	Case No. 16-J-14252-YDR
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)	ORDER VACATING ORDER
)	ENTERING DEFAULT AND ORDER
WILLIAM ORVAL GUFFEY,)	ENROLLING INACTIVE; ORDER
)	VACATING ORDER SUBMITTING
)	DEFAULT MATTER FOR DECISION;
)	PETITION FOR DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 132965.)	MOOT; ORDER SETTING
)	TELEPHONIC STATUS
)	CONFERENCE.

On December 28, 2016, the Office of Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (OCTC) filed a Notice of Disciplinary Charges against respondent William Orval Guffey (Respondent) in the above-entitled matter. Respondent filed a response to the NDC on January 18, 2017.

The court held an in-person status conference on February 8, 2017, at which time trial was scheduled to commence on March 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Respondent participated in the status conference.

However, on March 8, 2017, Respondent failed to appear at the scheduled trial in this matter, and the court filed and served on the parties that same date an order entering

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Respondent's default and enrolling him inactive under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (e).¹

When Respondent failed to timely move to set aside the default, OCTC filed and served on Respondent at his membership records address a petition for disbarment. As Respondent still failed to timely move to set aside or vacate his default, the matter was submitted for decision on June 5, 2017.

However, after reviewing and considering this matter, the court finds that default was not properly entered in this matter, as the notice of the trial date was not served on Respondent at the address provided in his response to the NDC. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.81(A)(2).)

Accordingly, the court orders the following:

1. The court's March 8, 2017, order entering Respondent's default and enrolling him inactive under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (e), is hereby vacated, nunc pro tunc, to March 8, 2017;

2. The State Bar's petition for disbarment filed on May 1, 2017, is moot;

3. The court's June 5, 2017, order submitting this default matter for decision is hereby vacated;

4. A telephonic status conference is scheduled in this matter for Monday, July 10, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. The court case administrator will telephone Respondent at his membership records telephone number unless, prior to the scheduled status conference, Respondent informs the court case administrator of another number at which he may be reached for the status conference.

5. Hereafter, all documents in this matter must be served on Respondent at both his

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¹ Respondent's involuntary inactive enrollment was effective three days after service of this order.

membership records address and the address set forth in his response to the NDC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 21, 2017



YVETTE D. ROLAND
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 June 21, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

ORDER VACATING ORDER ENTERING DEFAULT AND ORDER ENROLLING INACTIVE; ORDER VACATING ORDER SUBMITTING DEFAULT MATTER FOR DECISION; PETITION FOR DISBARMENT MOOT; ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE

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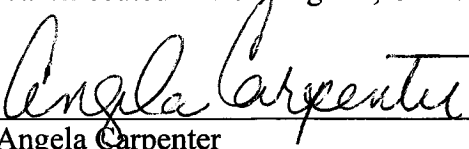
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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Esther Fallas, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on June 21, 2017.



Angela Carpenter
Case Administrator
State Bar Court