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<b>State Bar Court of California</b> <b>Hearing Department</b> <b>Los Angeles</b> <b>ACTUAL SUSPENSION</b>		<b>ORIGINAL</b>
Counsel for the State Bar  <b>Cindy Chan</b> Deputy Trial Counsel 845 S. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, California 90017 (213) 765-1292  Bar # 247495	Case Number(s): 17-O-01247-YDR	For Court use only   <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>FILED</b>  <b>AUG 07 2018</b> <i>E.A.</i>  <b>STATE BAR COURT</b>  <b>CLERK'S OFFICE</b>  <b>LOS ANGELES</b> </div>
In Pro Per Respondent  <b>Carl Michael Cambridge</b> PO Box 451922 Los Angeles, California 90045 (310) 562-6802  Bar # 86047	<b>PUBLIC MATTER</b>	
In the Matter of: <b>CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE</b>  Bar # 86047  A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)	Submitted to: <b>Settlement Judge</b>  STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING  <b>ACTUAL SUSPENSION</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED	

**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 **May 31, 1979**.
- (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 **22** 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."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law."

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- (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. It is recommended that (check one option only):
- Costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. Unless the time for payment of discipline costs is extended pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 6086.10, costs assessed against a member who is actually suspended or disbarred must be paid as a condition of reinstatement or return to active status.
- Costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10 and are enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment. One-third of the costs must be paid with Respondent's membership fees for each of the following years: three billing cycles following the effective date of discipline.
- If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified in writing by the State Bar or the State Bar Court, the remaining balance will be 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.

**B. Aggravating Circumstances [Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standards 1.2(h) & 1.5]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.**

- (1)  **Prior record of discipline:**
- (a)  State Bar Court case # of prior case: **01-O-02311. See also page 18 and Exhibit 3, consisting of 15 pages.**
- (b)  Date prior discipline effective: **October 11, 2003. See also Exhibit 3.**
- (c)  Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: **Rules of Professional Conduct, rules 3-110(A), 4-100(A), and 4-100(B)(4). See also Exhibit 3.**
- (d)  Degree of prior discipline: **One-year period of suspension, stayed, with two-year period of probation subject to conditions. See also Exhibit 3.**
- (e)  If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below. see pages 17-18 and Exhibits 1-3.
- (2)  **Intentional/Bad Faith/Dishonesty:** Respondent's misconduct was dishonest, intentional, or surrounded by, or followed by bad faith.
- (3)  **Misrepresentation:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, misrepresentation.
- (4)  **Concealment:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, concealment.

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- (5)  **Overreaching:** Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by, or followed by, overreaching.
- (6)  **Uncharged Violations:** Respondent's conduct involves uncharged violations of the Business and Professions Code, or the Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (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. **See page 18.**
- (9)  **Indifference:** Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of Respondent's misconduct. **See page 18.**
- (10)  **Candor/Lack of Cooperation:** Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of Respondent's misconduct, or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations or proceedings.
- (11)  **Multiple Acts:** Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing. **See page 18.**
- (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.

**Additional aggravating circumstances:**

**C. Mitigating Circumstances [Standards 1.2(i) & 1.6]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances 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 Respondent's misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigations and proceedings.
- (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 Respondent's 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 Respondent.

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- (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 product of any illegal conduct by Respondent, 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 Respondent's control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10)  **Family Problems:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in Respondent's 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 Respondent's misconduct.
- (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.

**Additional mitigating circumstances:**

Pretrial Stipulation, see page 18.

#### **D. Recommended Discipline:**

- (1)  **Actual Suspension:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for **three (3) years**, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for **five (5) years** with the following conditions.

- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for the first **year** of the period of Respondent's probation.

- (2)  **Actual Suspension "And Until" Rehabilitation:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Respondent's probation and until Respondent provides proof to the State Bar Court of Respondent's rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

- (3)  **Actual Suspension "And Until" Restitution (Single Payee) and Rehabilitation:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

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- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Respondent's probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until both of the following requirements are satisfied:
  - a. Respondent makes restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus 10 percent interest per year from \_\_\_\_\_ (or reimburses the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes satisfactory proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles; and
  - b. Respondent provides proof to the State Bar Court of Respondent's rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

(4)  **Actual Suspension "And Until" Restitution (Multiple Payees) and Rehabilitation:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Respondent's probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until both of the following requirements are satisfied:
  - a. Respondent must make restitution, including the principal amount plus 10 percent interest per year (and furnish satisfactory proof of such restitution to the Office of Probation), to each of the following payees (or reimburse the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5):

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Principal Amount</i>	<i>Interest Accrues From</i>

- b. Respondent provides proof to the State Bar Court of Respondent's rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

(5)  **Actual Suspension "And Until" Restitution (Single Payee) with Conditional Std. 1.2(c)(1) Requirement:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a minimum for the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Respondent's probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until the following requirements are satisfied:
  - a. Respondent makes restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus 10 percent interest per year from \_\_\_\_\_ (or reimburses the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the

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Fund to such payee, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes satisfactory proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles; and,

- b. If Respondent remains suspended for two years or longer, Respondent must provide proof to the State Bar Court of Respondent's rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

(6)  **Actual Suspension "And Until" Restitution (Multiple Payees) with Conditional Std. 1.2(c)(1) Requirement:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

- Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a minimum for the first \_\_\_\_\_ of Respondent's probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until the following requirements are satisfied:
  - a. Respondent must make restitution, including the principal amount plus 10 percent interest per year (and furnish satisfactory proof of such restitution to the Office of Probation), to each of the following payees (or reimburse the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5):

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Principal Amount</i>	<i>Interest Accrues From</i>

- b. If Respondent remains suspended for two years or longer, Respondent must provide proof to the State Bar Court of Respondent's rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

(7)  **Actual Suspension with Credit for Interim Suspension:**

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_, the execution of that suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for \_\_\_\_\_ with the following conditions.

- Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first \_\_\_\_\_ of probation (with credit given for the period of interim suspension which commenced on \_\_\_\_\_).

**E. Additional Conditions of Probation:**

- (1)  **Review Rules of Professional Conduct:** Within 30 days after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must (1) read the California Rules of Professional Conduct (Rules of Professional Conduct) and Business and Professions Code sections 6067, 6068, and 6103 through 6126, and (2) provide a declaration, under penalty of perjury, attesting to Respondent's

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- compliance with this requirement, to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles (Office of Probation) with Respondent's first quarterly report.
- (2)  **Comply with State Bar Act, Rules of Professional Conduct, and Probation Conditions:** Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of Respondent's probation.
  - (3)  **Maintain Valid Official Membership Address and Other Required Contact Information:** Within 30 days after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must make certain that the State Bar Attorney Regulation and Consumer Resources Office (ARCR) has Respondent's current office address, email address, and telephone number. If Respondent does not maintain an office, Respondent must provide the mailing address, email address, and telephone number to be used for State Bar purposes. Respondent must report, in writing, any change in the above information to ARCR, within ten (10) days after such change, in the manner required by that office.
  - (4)  **Meet and Cooperate with Office of Probation:** Within 15 days after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation case specialist to discuss the terms and conditions of Respondent's discipline and, within 30 days after the effective date of the court's order, must participate in such meeting. Unless otherwise instructed by the Office of Probation, Respondent may meet with the probation case specialist in person or by telephone. During the probation period, Respondent must promptly meet with representatives of the Office of Probation as requested by it and, subject to the assertion of applicable privileges, must fully, promptly, and truthfully answer any inquiries by it and provide to it any other information requested by it.
  - (5)  **State Bar Court Retains Jurisdiction/Appear Before and Cooperate with State Bar Court:** During Respondent's probation period, the State Bar Court retains jurisdiction over Respondent to address issues concerning compliance with probation conditions. During this period, Respondent must appear before the State Bar Court as required by the court or by the Office of Probation after written notice mailed to Respondent's official membership address, as provided above. Subject to the assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must fully, promptly, and truthfully answer any inquiries by the court and must provide any other information the court requests.
  - (6)  **Quarterly and Final Reports:**
    - a. **Deadlines for Reports.** Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation no later than each January 10 (covering October 1 through December 31 of the prior year), April 10 (covering January 1 through March 31), July 10 (covering April 1 through June 30), and October 10 (covering July 1 through September 30) within the period of probation. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date and cover the extended deadline. In addition to all quarterly reports, Respondent must submit a final report no earlier than ten (10) days before the last day of the probation period and no later than the last day of the probation period.
    - b. **Contents of Reports.** Respondent must answer, under penalty of perjury, all inquiries contained in the quarterly report form provided by the Office of Probation, including stating whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act and the Rules of Professional Conduct during the applicable quarter or period. All reports must be: (1) submitted on the form provided by the Office of Probation; (2) signed and dated after the completion of the period for which the report is being submitted (except for the final report); (3) filled out completely and signed under penalty of perjury; and (4) submitted to the Office of Probation on or before each report's due date.
    - c. **Submission of Reports.** All reports must be submitted by: (1) fax or email to the Office of Probation; (2) personal delivery to the Office of Probation; (3) certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Office of Probation (postmarked on or before the due date); or (4) other tracked-service provider, such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service, etc. (physically delivered to such provider on or before the due date).

**d. Proof of Compliance.** Respondent is directed to maintain proof of Respondent's compliance with the above requirements for each such report for a minimum of one year after either the period of probation or the period of Respondent's actual suspension has ended, whichever is longer. Respondent is required to present such proof upon request by the State Bar, the Office of Probation, or the State Bar Court.

- (7)  **State Bar Ethics School:** Within one year after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of the State Bar Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session. This requirement is separate from any Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for attending this session. If Respondent provides satisfactory evidence of completion of the Ethics School after the date of this stipulation but before the effective date of the Supreme Court's order in this matter, Respondent will nonetheless receive credit for such evidence toward Respondent's duty to comply with this condition.
- (8)  **State Bar Ethics School Not Recommended:** It is not recommended that Respondent be ordered to attend the State Bar Ethics School because
- (9)  **State Bar Client Trust Accounting School:** Within one year after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of the State Bar Client Trust Accounting School and passage of the test given at the end of that session. This requirement is separate from any Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for attending this session. If Respondent provides satisfactory evidence of completion of the Client Trust Accounting School after the date of this stipulation but before the effective date of the Supreme Court's order in this matter, Respondent will nonetheless receive credit for such evidence toward Respondent's duty to comply with this condition.
- (10)  **Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Courses – California Legal Ethics [Alternative to State Bar Ethics School for Out-of-State Residents]:** Because Respondent resides outside of California, within \_\_\_\_\_ after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must either submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of the State Bar Ethics School and passage of the test given at the end of that session or, in the alternative, complete \_\_\_\_\_ hours of California Minimum Continuing Legal Education-approved participatory activity in California legal ethics and provide proof of such completion to the Office of Probation. This requirement is separate from any MCLE requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for this activity. If Respondent provides satisfactory evidence of completion of the Ethics School or the hours of legal education described above, completed after the date of this stipulation but before the effective date of the Supreme Court's order in this matter, Respondent will nonetheless receive credit for such evidence toward Respondent's duty to comply with this condition.
- (11)  **Criminal Probation:** Respondent must comply with all probation conditions imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must report such compliance under penalty of perjury in all quarterly and final reports submitted to the Office of Probation covering any portion of the period of the criminal probation. In each quarterly and final report, if Respondent has an assigned criminal probation officer, Respondent must provide the name and current contact information for that criminal probation officer. If the criminal probation was successfully completed during the period covered by a quarterly or final report, that fact must be reported by Respondent in such report and satisfactory evidence of such fact must be provided with it. If, at any time before or during the period of probation, Respondent's criminal probation is revoked, Respondent is sanctioned by the criminal court, or Respondent's status is otherwise changed due to any alleged violation of the criminal probation conditions by Respondent, Respondent must submit the criminal court records regarding any such action with Respondent's next quarterly or final report.
- (12)  **Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE):** Within \_\_\_\_\_ after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter, Respondent must complete \_\_\_\_\_ hour(s) of California Minimum Continuing Legal Education-approved participatory activity in **SELECT ONE** \_\_\_\_\_ and must



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provide proof of such completion to the Office of Probation. This requirement is separate from any MCLE requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for this activity. If Respondent provides satisfactory evidence of completion of the hours of legal education described above, completed after the date of this stipulation but before the effective date of the Supreme Court's order in this matter, Respondent will nonetheless receive credit for such evidence toward Respondent's duty to comply with this condition.

- (13)  **Other:** Respondent must also comply with the following additional conditions of probation:
- (14)  **Proof of Compliance with Rule 9.20 Obligations:** Respondent is directed to maintain, for a minimum of one year after commencement of probation, proof of compliance with the Supreme Court's order that Respondent comply with the requirements of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, subdivisions (a) and (c). Such proof must include: the names and addresses of all individuals and entities to whom Respondent sent notification pursuant to rule 9.20; a copy of each notification letter sent to each recipient; the original receipt or postal authority tracking document for each notification sent; the originals of all returned receipts and notifications of non-delivery; and a copy of the completed compliance affidavit filed by Respondent with the State Bar Court. Respondent is required to present such proof upon request by the State Bar, the Office of Probation, or the State Bar Court.
- (15)  **The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:**
- Financial Conditions                       Medical Conditions
- Substance Abuse Conditions

The period of probation will commence on the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter. At the expiration of the probation period, if Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

#### F. Other Requirements Negotiated by the Parties (Not Probation Conditions):

- (1)  **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination Within One Year or During Period of Actual Suspension:** Respondent must take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners within one year after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter or during the period of Respondent's actual suspension, whichever is longer, and to provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).) If Respondent provides satisfactory evidence of the taking and passage of the above examination after the date of this stipulation but before the effective date of the Supreme Court's order in this matter, Respondent will nonetheless receive credit for such evidence toward Respondent's duty to comply with this requirement.
- (2)  **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination Requirement Not Recommended:** It is not recommended that Respondent be ordered to take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination because
- (3)  **California Rules of Court, Rule 9.20:** Respondent must comply with the requirements of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

For purposes of compliance with rule 9.20(a), the operative date for identification of "clients being represented in pending matters" and others to be notified is the filing date of the Supreme Court order, not any later "effective" date of the order. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45.) Further, Respondent is required to file a rule 9.20(c) affidavit even if Respondent has no clients to notify on the

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date the Supreme Court filed its order in this proceeding. (*Powers v. State Bar* (1988) 44 Cal.3d 337, 341.) In addition to being punished as a crime or contempt, an attorney's failure to comply with rule 9.20 is, inter alia, cause for disbarment, suspension, revocation of any pending disciplinary probation, and denial of an application for reinstatement after disbarment. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.20(d).)

- (4)  **California Rules of Court, Rule 9.20 – Conditional Requirement:** If Respondent remains suspended for 90 days or longer, Respondent must comply with the requirements of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

For purposes of compliance with rule 9.20(a), the operative date for identification of "clients being represented in pending matters" and others to be notified is the filing date of the Supreme Court order, not any later "effective" date of the order. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45.) Further, Respondent is required to file a rule 9.20(c) affidavit even if Respondent has no clients to notify on the date the Supreme Court filed its order in this proceeding. (*Powers v. State Bar* (1988) 44 Cal.3d 337, 341.) In addition to being punished as a crime or contempt, an attorney's failure to comply with rule 9.20 is, inter alia, cause for disbarment, suspension, revocation of any pending disciplinary probation, and denial of an application for reinstatement after disbarment. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.20(d).)

- (5)  **California Rules of Court, Rule 9.20, Requirement Not Recommended:** It is not recommended that Respondent be ordered to comply with the requirements of California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, because
- (6)  **Other Requirements:** It is further recommended that Respondent be ordered to comply with the following additional requirements:

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### Financial Conditions

(1)  **Restitution (Single Payee)**

No later than 30 days before the end of probation/Reproval Conditions Period, Respondent must make restitution in the amount of \$ 15,000, plus 10 percent interest per year from January 8, 2016, to Mildred M. Morris or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court (or reimburse the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and must furnish satisfactory proof of restitution to the Office of Probation. [Such restitution may be made by partial payments or by a single lump sum payment during the period specified above.]

(2)  **Installment Restitution Payments (Single Payee)**

In addition to the above deadline for completing restitution and for as long as the full amount of restitution remains unsatisfied, Respondent must make installment payments according to the following payment schedule:

Respondent must make quarterly payments in the amount of \$ 790 to Mildred M. Morris. The obligation to make such payments will commence 30 days after the effective date of the Supreme Court order imposing discipline in this matter. Such payments will be due on the 1st day of each calendar month thereafter and be deemed delinquent if not submitted to such payee, or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court, within ten (10) days thereafter.

With each quarterly and final report, or as otherwise directed by the Office of Probation, Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of such installment payments to the Office of Probation.

(3)  **Restitution (Multiple Payees)**

SELECT ONE /Reproval Conditions Period, Respondent must make restitution, including the principal amount plus 10 percent interest per year (and furnish satisfactory proof of such restitution to the Office of Probation), to each of the following payees or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court (or reimburse the Client Security Fund to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5):

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Principal Amount</i>	<i>Interest Accrues From</i>

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**(4)  Installment Restitution Payments (Multiple Payees)**

In addition to the above deadline for completing restitution, Respondent must make installment payments of restitution according to the following schedule:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Minimum Payment Amount</i>

Respondent must commence making such payments within \_\_\_\_\_ days after the effective date of the **SELECT ONE** \_\_\_\_\_ order imposing discipline in this matter. Such payments will be due on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each calendar month thereafter and be deemed delinquent if not submitted to such payee, or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court, within ten (10) days thereafter. The obligation to make installment payments to a particular payee will terminate when the full amount of restitution owed to that payee, including accrued interest, has been paid.

With each quarterly and final report, or as otherwise directed by the Office of Probation, Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of such installment payments to the Office of Probation.

**(5)  Reporting re Proper Handling of Entrusted Client Funds, Property, or Securities**

Respondent must comply with the following reporting requirements:

- a. If Respondent possessed client funds, property, or securities at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly or final report, Respondent must submit with the report for that period a statement made by Respondent under penalty of perjury that:
  - i. Respondent handled all such client funds, property, and/or securities in compliance with rule 4-100 of the Rules of Professional Conduct; and
  - ii. Respondent complied with the "Trust Account Record Keeping Standards" adopted by the State Bar Board of Trustees, pursuant to rule 4-100(C) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
- b. If Respondent did not possess any client funds, property, or securities during the entire period covered by a quarterly or final report, Respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Office of Probation for that reporting period.

**(6)  Reporting re Proper Handling of Entrusted Client Funds, Property, or Securities (Accountant certification – 1st Report)**

Respondent must comply with the following reporting requirements:

- a. If Respondent possessed client funds, property, or securities at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly or final report, Respondent must submit with the report for that period a statement that:

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- i. Respondent handled all such client funds, property, and/or securities in compliance with rule 4-100 of the Rules of Professional Conduct; and
- ii. Respondent complied with the "Trust Account Record Keeping Standards" adopted by the State Bar Board of Trustees, pursuant to rule 4-100(C) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

For the first period for which such statement is required, the statement must be from a certified public accountant or other financial professional approved by the Office of Probation. For all subsequent periods for which such statement is required, the statement may be made by Respondent under penalty of perjury.

- b. If Respondent did not possess any client funds, property, or securities during the entire period covered by a quarterly or final report, Respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Office of Probation for that reporting period.

(7)  Other:

**ATTACHMENT TO**  
**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION**

IN THE MATTER OF:                   CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
CASE NUMBER:                        17-O-01247

**FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

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. 17-O-01247 (Complainant: Mildred McGhee Morris)

**FACTS:**

1.     On April 29, 2014, Ms. Morris's brother filed a Petition to Revoke her power of attorney in the conservatorship of their father and alleged breach of fiduciary duties by Ms. Morris in San Bernardino Superior Court, case no. CONPS1200266 (hereinafter "the Superior Court action").
2.     On February 20, 2015, after Ms. Morris failed to appear at the trial due to medical reasons, the court granted the Petition to Revoke the Power of Attorney-in-Fact, Mildred Morris, and Petition for Surcharge and Breach of Fiduciary Duties and ordered Ms. Morris to pay petitioner \$39,000 and the court costs for the petition and attorney fees.
3.     On April 8, 2015, judgment in the Superior Court action was filed.
4.     On June 5, 2015, the petitioner's attorney filed a Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs requesting an order awarding petitioner \$47,136.50 for reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the Superior Court action.
5.     In or around July 2015, Ms. Morris hired respondent to defend her in the Superior Court action. Respondent filed a motion to set aside the judgment entered on April 8, 2015 and an opposition to the motion for attorney's fees and costs filed on June 5, 2015. However, the motion to set aside the judgment was denied on November 12, 2015 and petitioner's motion for attorney's fees and costs was granted on December 4, 2015 and Ms. Morris was ordered to pay \$34,771.35 in attorney fees.
6.     On January 7, 2016, respondent sent Ms. Morris an e-mail wherein he stated that he would handle the appeal of the judgment in the Superior Court action ("the Appeal") for a flat, fixed fee of \$15,000, with costs and expenses to be charged separately. The \$15,000 fee would cover all work involved in the Appeal, including, in relevant part, preparation and filing of the Notice of Appeal, Opening Appellate Brief and Reply Brief, and oral argument of the Appeal.
7.     Ms. Morris paid respondent the \$15,000 in three payments - \$5,000 on January 8, 2016; \$5,000 on February 3, 2016; and \$5,000 on March 4, 2016.

8. On January 11, 2016, respondent lodged a Notice of Appeal appealing the November 12, 2015 order and the December 4, 2015 order issued in the Superior Court Action in the Fourth District Court of Appeal, case no. E065176.

9. On January 15, 2016, the Court of Appeal issued a Notice to Appellant that the Notice of Appeal was not accompanied by the filing fee and that the appeal would be dismissed within 15 days unless either the fees were paid or an application for waiver of court fees was filed pursuant to the California Rules of Court.

10. On February 3, 2016, Ms. Morris sent an e-mail to respondent requesting an accounting.

11. On February 4, 2016, the Court of Appeal dismissed Ms. Morris's appeal for failure to pay the statutory filing fee or to show cause why the fee should be waived.

12. On February 19, 2016, respondent filed a motion to vacate the dismissal order and reinstate the Appeal. On March 4, 2016, the Court of Appeal granted the motion to vacate the dismissal order filed by the court on February 4, 2016 and reinstated the Appeal.

13. On March 24, 2016, respondent paid the \$100 filing fee.

14. Pursuant to an Order granting Ms. Morris an extension of time to file an Opening Appellate Brief, said brief was due on or before November 21, 2016.

15. Respondent did not inform Ms. Morris of the November 21, 2016 due date and she learned of the due date from calling the court clerk of the Court of Appeal.

16. Respondent failed to file the brief by the November 21, 2016 deadline, and on November 22, 2016, the Court of Appeal filed a Notice ordering that respondent file an opening brief within 15 days or the Appeal would be dismissed.

17. On December 6, 2016, respondent lodged an opening appellate brief. However, on December 9, 2016, the Court of Appeal dismissed Ms. Morris's appeal a second time for failure to file an opening appellate brief. The opening brief lodged on December 6, 2016 was rejected for non-conformity because respondent failed to include a table of contents, table of authorities, references to the record, certificate of word count, and bookmarks.

18. On December 30, 2016, respondent filed a motion to set aside the December 9, 2016 dismissal and reinstate the Appeal on behalf of Ms. Morris. On January 6, 2017, the Court of Appeal granted Ms. Morris's motion to vacate the dismissal and reinstated the Appeal. The Court of Appeal directed respondent to file Ms. Morris's opening appellate brief within 15 days.

19. Respondent did not file an opening appellate brief within 15 days of the January 6, 2017 Order reinstating the Appeal, and on February 21, 2017, the Court of Appeal filed an order dismissing the Appeal a third time.

20. Respondent did not inform Ms. Morris of the dismissal of the Appeal. Ms. Morris did not discover that the Appeal had been dismissed until she contacted the clerk of the Court of Appeal, who informed her of the dismissal.

21. On March 7, 2017, respondent sent an e-mail to Ms. Morris wherein he stated that he would file the necessary paperwork to reinstate the Appeal again.

22. As of March 30, 2017, respondent had not filed any documents with the Court of Appeal, and as a result Ms. Morris sent respondent an e-mail the same day terminating him and requesting return of her file.
23. On March 31, 2017, Ms. Morris sent another e-mail to respondent requesting return of the file and confirming his termination.
24. On April 1, 2017, Ms. Morris attempted to file in *pro per* a Motion to Vacate the Dismissal in the Court of Appeal, but her motion was returned for non-conformance because, among other reasons, it did not include a substitution of attorney.
25. Sometime in April 2017, Ms. Morris hired a new attorney to assist in retrieving her file from respondent and in handling the Appeal. Ms. Morris paid the new attorney \$5,000.
26. Between March 30, 2017 and May 2017, Ms. Morris and her new attorney made various requests to respondent to return her file and return a signed substitution of attorney form so that her new attorney could file the necessary paperwork to revive her Appeal.
27. On April 26, 2017, Ms. Morris sent an e-mail to respondent requesting a refund in the amount of \$15,000 as well as return of her file and his signature to the substitution of attorney form.
28. At no time has respondent returned the client file to Ms. Morris, provided an accounting of the legal services he performed for Ms. Morris, or returned any portion of the \$15,000 paid to him by Ms. Morris.
29. Ms. Morris filed her State Bar complaint regarding respondent's conduct on February 6, 2017.
30. On March 27, 2017, the State Bar sent respondent a letter regarding Ms. Morris's complaint and requested a written response to the allegations no later than April 14, 2017. Respondent received this letter, but did not respond.
31. On April 17, 2017, the State Bar sent respondent another letter regarding Ms. Morris's complaint and requested a written response to the allegations no later than May 1, 2017. Respondent received this letter, but did not respond.
32. On May 1, 2017, the State Bar e-mailed respondent another follow-up letter regarding Ms. Morris's complaint. Respondent received this e-mail.
33. On May 26, 2017, respondent requested an extension until May 30, 2017 to respond to the complaint. Respondent did not respond by May 30, 2017.
34. On June 1, 2017, the State Bar e-mailed respondent requesting a response to the complaint. Respondent received this e-mail.
35. On June 2, 2017, respondent requested a further extension of an additional week to respond to the complaint.
36. On November 2, 2017, the State Bar e-mailed respondent requesting a response to the complaint because respondent had still not provided a response. Respondent received this e-mail.



37. On November 13, 2017, respondent e-mailed the State Bar indicating that he would respond to the complaint that same day.

38. On November 14, 2017, respondent e-mailed the State Bar again stating that he was in the process of gathering and copying documents and would send them to the State Bar.

39. At no point did respondent provide a substantive response to the State Bar regarding the allegations in Ms. Morris's complaint.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

40. By failing to file an opening appellate brief within the time prescribed by the Court of Appeal on multiple occasions and failing to take reasonable steps to reinstate the Appeal after it had been dismissed for the third time, respondent intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform legal services with competence in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A).

41. By failing to promptly return Ms. Morris's file to her, respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(1).

42. By failing to refund any portion of the \$15,000 flat fee paid by Ms. Morris to respondent to handle the Appeal, respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

43. By failing to render appropriate accounts to Ms. Morris regarding all funds in respondent's possession, respondent willfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3).

44. By failing to keep Ms. Morris reasonably informed of significant developments in a matter in which respondent had agreed to provide legal services, including failing to inform Ms. Morris of the dismissal of her appeal, respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

45. By failing to cooperate and participate in the disciplinary investigation in case no. 17-O-01247, respondent willfully violated Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i).

#### AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

**Prior Record of Discipline (Std. 1.5(a)):** Respondent has three prior instances of discipline.

In the first discipline, effective January 20, 1994, respondent was privately reprovved subject to various conditions pursuant to State Bar case no. 92-O-17084 after respondent stipulated that he committed an act of misappropriation and failed to promptly pay the medical bills for which he withheld funds from his client, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rules 4-100(A) and 4-100(B)(4); and failed to competently complete the performance of the services for which he had been employed, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A). Attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1 is a certified copy of the Order regarding the private reprovral in State Bar case no. 92-O-17084, consisting of 32 pages.

In the second discipline, effective May 31, 1996, respondent was privately reprovved subject to various conditions pursuant to State Bar case no. 95-H-15008 as a result of his failure to file quarterly Certified Public Accountant's reports with certificates of possession of client's funds in respondent's trust account and to file a final probation report, as required by the private reprovral from the first

discipline. On February 25, 1997, an order approving modifications of the stipulation was filed in the State Bar Court, which extended the private reproof period from May 30, 1997 to May 30, 1998. Attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2 is a certified copy of the Order regarding the private reproof in State Bar case no. 95-H-15008, consisting of 32 pages.

In the third discipline, effective October 11, 2003, respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one year, that execution of the suspension was stayed, and he was placed on probation for two years subject to the conditions of probation pursuant to State Bar case no. 01-O-02311 after respondent stipulated that he failed to maintain the appropriate amount of funds received for the benefit of his client in respondent's trust account, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A). Attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 3 are certified copies of the Stipulation filed on May 14, 2003 and Supreme Court Order approving same, filed September 11, 2003, consisting of 15 pages.

**Multiple Acts of Wrongdoing (Std. 1.5(b)):** Respondent failed to perform legal services competently for his client by failing to file an opening appellate brief as ordered by the Court of Appeal. Respondent also failed to keep Ms. Morris reasonably informed of significant developments, failed to account, failed to return unearned fees to the client, and failed to return the client file. Respondent also failed to cooperate in the State Bar investigation. Consequently, respondent's conduct is aggravated by multiple acts of misconduct. (*In the Matter of Valinoti* (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 498, 555.)

**Significant Harm to Client, Public or Administration of Justice (Std. 1.5(j)):** Ms. Morris was significantly harmed due to respondent's misconduct. She lost her cause of action in the appeal, and had to pay another attorney an additional \$5,000 in order to work on reinstating her appeal. (*In the Matter of Dahlz* (Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 269, 283 [attorney's failure to perform resulting in lost cause of action is significant client harm].)

**Indifference (Std. 1.5(k)):** Respondent did not return the client file, account for his services, or return unearned fees, even after receiving notice of the State Bar investigation and the filing of disciplinary charges.

#### MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

**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 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.)

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).)

In this matter, respondent admits to committing six acts of professional misconduct. Standard 1.7(a) requires that where a respondent “commits two or more acts of misconduct and the Standards specify different sanctions for each act, the most severe sanction must be imposed.”

The most severe sanction applicable to respondent’s misconduct is found in Standard 2.7(c), which applies to respondent’s violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A) [Failure to Perform with Competence] and Business and Professions Code section 6068(m) [Failure to Keep Client Reasonably Informed of Significant Developments]. Standard 2.7(c) provides that suspension or reproof is the presumed sanction for performance, communication, or withdrawal violations, which are limited in scope or time. The degree of harm depends on the extent of the misconduct and the degree of harm to the client or clients.

Here, although the violation is limited to one client matter, aggravation far outweighs mitigation. The only mitigating circumstance here is respondent’s entering into a pretrial stipulation. In aggravation, respondent has three prior records of discipline, one of which also resulted from failing to account for client funds, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(4) and failing to competently complete the performance of the services for which he had been employed, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A). (*In the Matter of Gadda* (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 416, 443-444 [similarities between prior and current misconduct render previous discipline more serious, as they indicate prior discipline did not rehabilitate].) Standard 1.8(a) provides that when a member has a single prior record of discipline, the sanction in the subsequent matter must be greater than the previously imposed sanction. In his prior discipline, respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one year, stayed, and placed on probation for one year with conditions.

Additional aggravating circumstances include respondent’s stipulation to six acts of professional misconduct. (*In the Matter of Valinoti* (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 498, 555.) Furthermore, as a result of respondent’s failure to file an opening brief on her behalf, Ms. Morris was significantly harmed in that her Appeal was dismissed and she had to pay another attorney an additional \$5,000 to help her obtain the file and work on reinstating the Appeal. (*In the Matter of Dahlz*

(Review Dept. 2001) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 269, 283 [attorney's failure to perform resulting in lost cause of action is significant client harm].) Finally, respondent's failure to take any steps to rectify his wrongdoing, even after receiving notice of the State Bar investigation and the filing of disciplinary charges, evidences an indifference to and lack of atonement for his actions.

Given the seriousness of the misconduct, the presence of substantial aggravating circumstances and minimal mitigation, a one-year period of actual suspension is appropriate.

Case law supports the recommended level of discipline. In *King v. State Bar* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 307, the attorney was found culpable of two matters of client neglect over a five-year period. In one, the client suffered serious financial injury, and King failed to make amends or to return client files. Moreover, the Supreme Court stated that there was no evidence that King had accepted responsibility for his own actions. Since King had practiced without prior discipline for 15 years before his misconduct began, the Supreme Court imposed a four-year stayed suspension and four-year probation, conditioned on a three-month actual suspension.

The instant matter warrants a lengthier period of actual suspension than the three-months imposed in *King*. In addition to his failure to perform and return client files, respondent is culpable of additional misconduct not found in *King* – failure to return unearned fees, failure to account for client funds, and failure to cooperate in a State Bar investigation – thus rendering his misconduct more serious. Furthermore, unlike King who had 15 years of discipline free practice, respondent has three prior records of discipline, one of which also resulted from failing to account for client funds, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(4) and failing to competently complete the performance of the services for which he had been employed, in willful violation of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A). Thus, discipline greater than that imposed in *King* is appropriate here.

In *Conroy v. State Bar* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 495, the attorney was found culpable of violating former rule 2-111(A)(2) by withdrawing as counsel without cooperating with his successor; violating section 6068(m) by failing to respond to reasonable status inquiries of his client; violating section 6106 by making misrepresentations to the client about the status of his case; and violating former rule 6-101(A)(2) by prolonged inaction in a case in reckless disregard of his obligation to perform diligently. Aggravating factors included (i) two prior records of discipline, the second of which resulted from failure to timely take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination as required by the private reproof from his first disciplinary proceeding; (ii) his repeated failure to participate in State Bar proceedings, and (iii) his misrepresentations to his client. No mitigation was found. The Supreme Court ordered a five-year stayed suspension, five years of probation, and a one-year actual suspension. (*Id.* at p. 508.)

The misconduct here is similar to that exhibited in *Conroy*, where the attorney recklessly disregarded his obligation to perform legal services and failed to keep his client informed of the status of the matters for which he was retained to provide services. However, unlike the attorney in *Conroy*, respondent has not been charged with any act of moral turpitude in violation of section 6106. On the other hand, respondent has also failed to account for client funds and has failed to return unearned fees – misconduct that was not found in *Conroy*. In fact, respondent has three prior records of discipline, whereas the attorney in *Conroy* had two prior records of discipline, and the misconduct in the present matter is similar to that for which he was disciplined in the first and third disciplinary matters. (*In the Matter of Gadda* (Review Dept. 2002) 4 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 416, 443-444 [similarities between prior and current misconduct render previous discipline more serious, as they indicate prior discipline did not rehabilitate].) Thus, taking into account the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the

aggravating circumstances here far outweigh any mitigating circumstances, a level of discipline commensurate to that imposed in *Conroy* would be appropriate.

Accordingly, a three-year stayed suspension with a five-year period of probation with conditions, including one year of actual suspension is appropriate. Furthermore, respondent shall remain suspended until he pays restitution to Ms. Morris.

#### **COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of July 18, 2018, the discipline costs in this matter are \$7,998. 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**

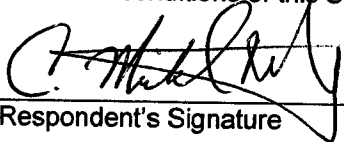
Respondent may not receive MCLE credit for completion of State Bar Ethics School and/or any other educational course(s) to be ordered as a condition of reproof or suspension. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 3201.)

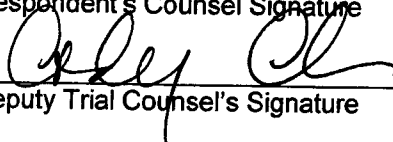
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### SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES

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.

07/19/2018            CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
Date      Respondent's Signature      Print Name

7/19/2018            CINDY CHAN  
Date      Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature      Print Name

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### ACTUAL SUSPENSION ORDER

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- All Hearing dates are vacated.
- Page 11, paragraph 2: "Such payment will be due on the 1st day of each calendar month" is deleted, and in its place is inserted "Such payment will be due on the 1st day of each calendar quarter"; and
- The court notes that although Respondent has three prior disciplines, standard 1.8(b) is not applicable because: (1) none of Respondent's prior disciplines include an order of actual suspension; (2) Respondent's prior and present misconduct do not demonstrate a pattern; and (3) Respondent's prior and present misconduct do not demonstrate his unwillingness or inability to conform to ethical responsibilities.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.58(E) & (F).) **The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after the filed date of the Supreme Court order.** (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.18(a).)

Date 8/6/18

  
**DONALD F. MILES**  
Judge of the State Bar Court





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<p>IN THE MATTER OF</p> <p><u>CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE</u></p> <p>No. <u>86047</u></p> <p>MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.</p>	<p>CASE NO(S).</p> <p>92-O-17084-JER</p> <p>ORDER REGARDING STIPULATION ( <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST-AMENDED ( <input type="checkbox"/> SECOND-AMENDED ) AS TO FACTS AND DISPOSITION</p>

A fully executed Stipulation as to Facts and Disposition pursuant to rules 405-407, Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, consisting of 28 pages, approved by the parties, was submitted to the State Bar Court in the above-captioned case(s). All stipulations submitted previously are rejected. The Stipulation is attached to this order and is incorporated by reference herein. Unless a party withdraws or modifies the stipulation pursuant to rule 407(c), Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, this order shall be effective 15 days from the service of this order. After consideration of this stipulation, the Court hereby orders:

- ~~The above mentioned case numbers are hereby consolidated for the purposes of ruling upon this stipulation.~~
- Modifications to the stipulation are attached:
  - the parties having no objection.
  - the parties having agreed on the record on December 10, 1993. JER
  - any party must object within 15 days of the service of this order to the stipulation, as modified by the Court, or it shall become effective; if any party objects, the Stipulation shall be deemed rejected.
- It appearing that this stipulation and all attachments are fair to the parties and consistent with adequate protection of the public, the stipulation is approved and the disposition is:
  - ordered. JER
  - recommended to the California Supreme Court.
  - further discussion attached.
- ~~After due consideration of this stipulation and all attachments, it is rejected:~~
  - for the reasons discussed with the parties in previous conference(s).
  - for the reasons attached to this order.
- ~~It is further~~  ~~ordered~~  recommended that costs be awarded to the State Bar pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6086.10.

DATE: December 30, 1993

*Joanne Earls Robbins*  
 Judge of the State Bar Court  
 JOANNE EARLS ROBBINS

**ATTACHMENT TO ORDER 410**

**RESPONDENT:** Carl Michael Cambridge, BAR NO. 86047  
**CASE NO.:** 92-0-17084-JER

**MODIFICATION TO STIPULATION**

The Stipulation as to Facts and Discipline shall be modified as follows:

1. On Stipulation Form 100, Schedule of Attachments, "X's" shall be inserted in the boxes provided for Stipulation Form 140 (page 2).
2. On Stipulation Form 110, Stipulation Form), an "X" shall be inserted in the box provided for Stipulation Form 120 (page 4).
3. Pursuant to delegation of authority from the Presiding Judge, effective October 1, 1993, the reproof is issued on the effective date of this Order, i.e., fifteen days after service.

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**SCHEDULE OF ATTACHMENTS**

- SECTION ONE:  FORM STIP 110: STIPULATION FORM, INCLUDING GENERAL AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS
- SECTION TWO:  FORM STIP 120: AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS
- SECTION TWO:  FORM STIP 130: STATEMENT OF ACTS OR OMISSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW WARRANTING THE AGREED DISPOSITION

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- SECTION THREE:  FORM STIP 140: STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION
- SECTION FOUR:  FORM DISP 200: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF ALL CHARGES
- FORM DISP 205: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES
- FORM DISP 210: ADMONITION
- FORM DISP 220: PRIVATE REPROVAL
- FORM DISP 230: PUBLIC REPROVAL
- FORM DISP 240: SUSPENSION, INCLUDES NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION
- FORM DISP 250: ACTUAL SUSPENSION
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<p>IN THE MATTER OF</p> <p><u>CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE</u></p> <p>No. <u>86047</u></p> <p>MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.</p>	<p>CASE NO(S). 92 0 17084</p> <p>STIPULATION AS TO FACTS AND DISPOSITION (RULES 405-407, TRANSITIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FIRST AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> SECOND AMENDED</p>

**SECTION ONE. GENERAL AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS.**

**A. PARTIES.**

1. The parties to this stipulation as to facts and disposition, entered into under rules 405-407, Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California (herein "Rules of Procedure"), are the member of the State Bar of California, captioned above (hereinafter "Respondent"), who was admitted to practice law in the State of California on May 31, 1979 and the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, represented by the Deputy Trial Counsel of record whose name appears below.

2. If Respondent is represented by counsel, Respondent and his or her counsel have reviewed this stipulation, have approved it as to form and substance, and has signed FORM STIP 400 below.

3. If Respondent is appearing in propria persona, Respondent has received this stipulation, has approved it as to form and substance, and has signed FORM STIP 400 below.

**B. JURISDICTION, SERVICE AND NOTICE OF CHARGE(S), AND ANSWER.** The parties agree that the State Bar Court has jurisdiction over Respondent to take the action agreed upon within this stipulation. This stipulation is entered into pursuant to the provisions of rules 405-407, Rules of Procedure. No issue is raised over notice or service of any charge(s). The parties waive any variance between the basis for the action agreed to in this stipulation and any charge(s). As to any charge(s) not yet filed in any matter covered by this stipulation, the parties waive the filing of formal charge(s), any answer thereto, and any other formal procedures.

**C. AUTHORITY OF EXAMINER.** Pursuant to rule 406, Rules of Procedure, the Chief Trial Counsel has delegated to this Deputy Trial Counsel the authority to enter into this stipulation.

**D. PROCEDURES AND TRIAL.**

In order to accomplish the objectives of this stipulation, the parties waive all State Bar Court procedures regarding formal discovery as well as hearing or trial. Instead, the parties agree to submit this stipulation to a judge of the State Bar Court.

**E. PENDING PROCEEDINGS.**

Except as specified in subsection J, all pending investigations and matters included in this stipulation are listed by case number in the caption above.

**F. EFFECT OF THIS STIPULATION.**

1. The parties agree that this stipulation includes this form and all attachments.
2. The parties agree that this stipulation is not binding unless and until approved by a judge of the State Bar Court. If approved, this stipulation shall bind the parties in all matters covered by this stipulation and the parties expressly waive review by the Review Department of the State Bar Court.
3. If the stipulation is not approved by a State Bar Court judge, the parties will be relieved of all effects of the stipulation and any proceedings covered by this stipulation will resume.
4. The parties agree that stipulations as to proposed discipline involving suspension, are not binding on the Supreme Court of California. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 6078, 6083-6084, and 6100, the Supreme Court must enter an order effectuating the terms and conditions of this stipulation before any stipulation for suspension, actual or stayed, will be effective.

**G. PREVIOUSLY REJECTED STIPULATIONS IN PROCEEDINGS OR INVESTIGATIONS COVERED BY THIS STIPULATION.**

Unless disclosed by the parties in subsection I, there have been no previously rejected or withdrawn stipulations in matters or investigations covered by this stipulation.

**H. COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS. (Check appropriate paragraph(s).)**

1. The agreed disposition is eligible for costs to be awarded the State Bar. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6086.10 and 6140.7.) Respondent has been notified of his or her duty to pay costs. The amount of costs assessed by the Office of Chief Trial Counsel will be disclosed in a separate cost certificate submitted following approval of this stipulation by a hearing judge. The amount of costs assessed by the State Bar Court will be disclosed in a separate cost certificate submitted upon finalization of this matter.
2. The agreed disposition is not eligible for costs to be awarded the State Bar.

**I. SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AS TO SECTION ONE.**

- Respondent has been advised of pending investigations, if any, which are not included in this stipulation.
- FORM STIP 120 is attached, stating further general agreements and waivers.

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**SECTION TWO. STATEMENT OF ACTS OR OMISSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW WARRANTING THE AGREED DISPOSITION.**

- The parties have attached FORM STIP 130 and agree that the same warrants the disposition set forth in this stipulation.

**SECTION THREE. STATEMENT OF FACTS, FACTORS OR CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION.**

The parties agree that the following attachment(s) constitute the facts and circumstances considered mitigating, aggravating or otherwise bearing on the agreed disposition:

- FORM STIP 140: STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION

**SECTION FOUR. AGREED DISPOSITION**

Based on the foregoing and all attachments, the parties agree that the appropriate disposition of all matters covered by this stipulation is [Check appropriate disposition(s); attach schedule(s) if indicated]:

- DISMISSAL OF ALL CHARGES [FORM DISP 200]
- DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES [Attach FORM DISP 205: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES]
- ADMONITION [Attach FORM DISP 210: ADMONITION]
- PRIVATE REPROVAL [Attach FORM DISP 220: PRIVATE REPROVAL]
- PUBLIC REPROVAL [Attach FORM DISP 230: PUBLIC REPROVAL]
- SUSPENSION ENTIRELY STAYED [Attach FORM DISP 240: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAYED SUSPENSION]
- ACTUAL SUSPENSION [Attach FORM DISP 250: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTUAL SUSPENSION]
- ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:
- FORM DISP 260: CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION
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### ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS

- FORM TRI 121: WAIVER OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM ASSESSED COSTS
- FORM TRI 122: WAIVER OF ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE
- FORM TRI 123: STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE



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**WAIVER OF ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE**

It is agreed by the parties that investigative matters designated as case number(s) 92 0 17084 may be incorporated into the within Stipulation. The parties waive the issuance of a Notice to Show Cause and the right to a formal hearing and any other procedures necessary with respect to these investigative matters in order to accomplish the objectives of this Stipulation.

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WARRANTING THE AGREED DISPOSITIONCASE NO. 92 O 17084COUNT ONE

1. In October 1990, the Respondent was representing Dennis Wayne (hereinafter "Wayne") with regard to a personal injury matter. Wayne's prior attorney, Robert Sibilia, had executed a medical lien on behalf of Wilton Health Care/Dr. Keith Havet (hereinafter "Havet") for the treatment rendered to Wayne.

2. On October 8, 1990, a settlement draft was issued by USAA Insurance, No. 14325463, in the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000.00) to the Respondent and to Wayne.

3. On or about October 11, 1990, the Respondent's office sought, obtained, and confirmed by letter, a reduction of the lien of Wilton Health Care and Havet from Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars (\$3,855.00) to Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$2,569.99).

4. The Respondent withheld from the settlement the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars (\$6,922.49) to pay Wilton Health Care and Havet, and other medical providers including, Chang Acupuncture, Inglewood Diagnostics, George E.

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Locke, M.D. and A.J. Roitz, M.D. Client Trust Account checks were issued to pay the providers, drawn on the Respondent's Client Trust Account at Mitsui Manufacturers, No. 01-260-359. However, the checks were not mailed, and were incorrectly placed in the client file.

5. One medical provider, George Locke, M.D. was paid the sum of One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.00) on November 19, 1991, one year after the settlement of the case.

6. Between October 1990 through June 1992, Havet's office tried to contact the Respondent by telephone and to obtain payment. Three letters were sent by Havet's office between March 6, 1992 and March 23, 1992. On March 23, 1992, Havet's office demanded the full amount of the lien, because, from the doctor's perspective, the Respondent had implied that the settlement was inadequate, when in fact they had by then been informed that the settlement was Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000.00).

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7. On or about April 9, 1992, the Respondent's office retrieved and mailed a stale check in the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$2,569.99).

8. Only after the intervention of the State Bar did the Respondent attempt to rectify the payment of Havet and to pay the remaining medical providers.

9. On October 28, 1991, and before any amount had been paid to any medical care provider, the Respondent's Client Trust Account fell One Hundred and Ten Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$110.41) below the amount withheld. The trust account deficiency was the result of Respondent's having issued a check to a client in the amount of \$182.34 which the client negotiated prior to Respondent's depositing the client's personal injury recovery draft into his trust account. The client negotiated the trust account check for \$182.34 on October 21, 1991, but Respondent did not deposit the draft in the amount of \$350.00 until October 23, 1991, two days later.

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By his conduct, the Respondent committed an act of misappropriation and failed to promptly pay the medical bills for which he withheld funds from his client, and further, he failed thereby to competently complete the performance of the services for which he had been employed, in wilful violation of Rule 3-110(A), 4-100(A) and 4-100(B) (4) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

For purposes of this Stipulation only, it is agreed that there was no moral turpitude.

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION**

**A. AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- 1. Respondent has a record of prior discipline. (Std. 1.2 (b)(i).)<sup>1</sup> Supporting facts:  
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- 2. Respondent's misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing. (Std. 1.2 (b)(ii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. Respondent's misconduct evidences\demonstrates a pattern of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(iii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4. Respondent's misconduct was surrounded or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other circumstances defined by Standard 1.2 (b)(iii). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> References to "Standards" are to the "Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct: (See Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Division V.)

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5. Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly client(s), the public or the administration of justice. (Std. 1.2 (b)(iv).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Respondent demonstrated indifference to rectifying the consequences of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Respondent demonstrated indifference to atoning for the consequences of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to any victim(s) of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(vi).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings. (Std. 1.2 (b)(vi).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ X ] 10. Additional circumstance(s) in aggravation or additional facts regarding the above paragraphs are stated as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

It is apparent from the number of checks that remained in the client file that the Respondent was failing on a regular basis to reconcile his Client Trust Account and to maintain an accounting of the sums in his Client Trust Account. But for the complaint of Wilton Health Care, the Respondent might never have rectified this matter and would have had benefit of monies to which he had no entitlement.



**B. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

1. Respondent has no record of prior discipline over many years of practice, coupled with present misconduct not deemed serious. (Std. 1.2 (e)(i).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the only open matter as of the entering into this Stipulation.

2. Respondent acted in good faith. (Std. 1.2 (e)(ii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Respondent's misconduct did not result in harm to the client(s) or person(s) who were the objects of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(iii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties at the time of misconduct of the type which is subject to the conditions recognized by Standard 1.2 (e)(iv). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Respondent suffered extreme physical disabilities at the time of misconduct of the type which is subject to the conditions recognized by Standard 1.2 (e)(iv). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the victim(s) of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings. (Std. 1.2 (e)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Respondent presented an extraordinary demonstration of good character as set forth in Standard 1.2 (e)(vi). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Respondent promptly took objective steps to spontaneously demonstrate remorse which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of Respondent's misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(vii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Respondent promptly took objective steps to spontaneously demonstrate recognition of the wrongdoing acknowledged, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of Respondent's misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(vii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Considerable time has passed since Respondent's misconduct, followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation (Std. 1.2 (e)(viii)). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Excessive delay occurred in conducting this disciplinary proceeding, which delay is not attributable to Respondent and which delay was prejudicial to Respondent. (Std. 1.2 (e)(ix).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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- [ X ] 13. Additional circumstance(s) in mitigation or additional facts regarding the above paragraphs are stated as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent has been taking a course (quicken) in

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[Fill in the blanks as appropriate and check boxes at left for all language that is intended to be included in the stipulation, deleting words or phrases that are not appropriate. When designating numbers for the amount of suspension or probation, please spell out the number and include the arabic numeral in parenthesis provided.]

- It is recommended that Respondent be privately reprovved by the State Bar Court.
- The parties understand that although this reprovral is termed "private," it arises in a public proceeding. Although the State Bar of California will not affirmatively provide any publicity to the disposition, the file, including the stipulation, any order approving it, in this case will remain public and will be available on any specific inquiry by a member of the public.
- The parties understand that this private reprovral is a result of a stipulation, entered into prior to the filing of a Notice to Show Cause. The file, the stipulation, the order thereon, and the record of a private reprovral, shall remain confidential unless it is used hereafter as a record of prior discipline within the meaning of standard 1.7, Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.
- There are no conditions to be attached to this private reprovral.
- Pursuant to rule 956, paragraph (a), California Rules of Court, it is recommended that the following conditions be attached to the private reprovral, based upon a finding that protection of the public and the interests of respondent will be served thereby:
- FORM DISP 260: CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION
- FORM DISP 270: FURTHER CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO REPROVAL
- FORM PROB 310: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR
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- FORM PROB 340: MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
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  - FORM PROB 360: EDUCATION AND LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT
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- That the conditions attached to the private reproval shall commence to be effective upon the effective date of the order approving stipulation or decision and shall remain in effect for a period of eighteen (18) ~~days~~ / ~~months~~ ~~years~~ unless otherwise specifically designated herein;

**NOTICE OF SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PRIVATE REPROVAL**

- RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS STIPULATION CONSTITUTES NOTICE THAT, PURSUANT TO RULE 956, CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT, RESPONDENT'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ANY PRIVATE REPROVAL ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BAR COURT MAY CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR A SEPARATE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING FOR WILFUL BREACH OF RULE 1-110, RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

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### CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION

[Fill in the blanks as appropriate and check the boxes at left for all language that is intended to be included in the stipulation, deleting words or phrases that are not appropriate. When designating numbers for the amount of suspension or probation, please spell out the number and include the arabic numeral in parenthesis provided.]

- It is recommended that the State Bar Court order Respondent to take and pass the California Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California within one (1) ~~days/months/years~~ of the effective date of the administration of the private reproof and furnish satisfactory proof of such passage to the Probation Unit within said period.

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### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION<sup>1</sup> - GENERAL

- COND. 310. That during the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California;
- COND. 410. That during the period of probation, Respondent shall report not later than January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year or part thereof during which the probation is in effect, in writing, to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, Los Angeles, which report shall state that it covers the preceding calendar quarter or applicable portion thereof, certifying by affidavit or under penalty of perjury (provided, however, that if the effective date of probation is less than 30 days preceding any of said dates, Respondent shall file said report on the due date next following the due date after said effective date):
- (a) in Respondent's first report, that Respondent has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act, and Rules of Professional Conduct since the effective date of said probation;
  - (b) in each subsequent report, that Respondent has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct during said period;
  - (c) provided, however, that a final report shall be filed covering the remaining portion of the period of probation following the last report required by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph certifying to the matters set forth in subparagraph (b) thereof;

<sup>1</sup> If attached to forms DISP 220 or DISP 230, the word "probation," as used herein, shall be interpreted to mean "condition attached to a reproof" pursuant to rule 956, California Rules of Court.

**COND. 600. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS.**

- COND. 610. That Respondent shall promptly report, and in no event in more than ten days, to the membership records office of the State Bar and to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, all changes of information including current office or other address for State Bar purposes as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code;

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:  
ASSIGNMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR****COND. 510. ASSIGNMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR:**

- That Respondent shall be referred to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, for assignment of a probation monitor. Respondent shall promptly review the terms and conditions of Respondent's probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance consistent with these terms of probation. During the period of probation, Respondent shall furnish such reports concerning Respondent's compliance as may be requested by the probation monitor. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the probation monitor to enable him/her to discharge Respondent's duties pursuant to rule 611, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar;

**COND. 550. AUTHORITY OF PROBATION MONITOR TO QUESTION RESPONDENT:**

- That subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent shall answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions of probation which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with these terms of probation;



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PROTECTION OF CLIENTS' FUNDS****COND. 700. PROTECTION OF CLIENTS' FUNDS.**

COND. 710. That if Respondent is in possession of clients' funds, or has come into possession thereof during the period covered by each quarterly report, Respondent shall file with each report required by these conditions of probation a certificate from a Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant certifying:

- (a) That Respondent has kept and maintained such books or other permanent accounting records in connection with Respondent's practice as are necessary to show and distinguish between:
- (1) Money received for the account of a client and money received for the attorney's own account;
  - (2) Money paid to or on behalf of a client and money paid for the attorney's own account;
  - (3) The amount of money held in trust for each client;
- (b) That Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California at a branch within the State of California and that such account is designated as a "trust account" or "clients' funds account";
- (c) That Respondent has maintained a permanent record showing:
- (1) A statement of all trust account transactions sufficient to identify the client in whose behalf the transaction occurred and the date and amount thereof;

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- (2) Monthly total balances held in a bank account or bank accounts designated "trust account(s)" or "clients' funds account(s)" as appears in monthly bank statements of said account(s)
  - (3) Monthly listings showing the amount of trust money held for each client and identifying each client for whom trust money is held;
  - (4) Monthly reconciliations of any differences as may exist between said monthly total balances and said monthly listings, together with the reasons for any differences;
- (d) That Respondent has maintained a listing or other permanent record showing all specifically identified property held in trust for clients.

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### FURTHER CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:<sup>1</sup>

- FORM TRI 381: MODIFICATION OF PROBATION, RULE 951(c) OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT
- FORM TRI 382: ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
- FORM TRI 383: MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
- FORM TRI 384: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
- FORM TRI 385: STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL
- FORM TRI 386: STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT RECORD-KEEPING COURSE

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**STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL**

FOR REPROVAL CASES:

Within one (1) year of the date of the issuance of the letter of reproval in this matter, Respondent shall attend the State Bar Ethics School, which is held periodically at the State Bar of California (555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, or 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles) and shall take and pass the test given at the end of such session. Respondent understands that this requirement is separate and apart from fulfilling the MCLE ethics requirement, and is not approved for MCLE credit.

FOR SUSPENSION CASES:

Within one (1) year of the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter, Respondent shall attend the State Bar Ethics School, which is held periodically at the State Bar of California (555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, or 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles) and shall take and pass the test given at the end of such session. Respondent understands that this requirement is separate and apart from fulfilling the MCLE ethics requirement, and is not approved for MCLE credit.

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IN THE MATTER OF

Case No(s).

CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE,

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A Member of the State Bar.

ATTACHMENT TO:     STIPULATION             DECISION

**STATE BAR ETHICS SCHOOL CLIENT TRUST  
ACCOUNT RECORD-KEEPING COURSE**

FOR REPROVAL CASES:

Within one (1) year of the date of the issuance of the letter of reprobation in this matter, Respondent shall attend the State Bar Ethics School Client Trust Account Record-Keeping Course, which is held periodically at the State Bar of California (555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, or 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles) and shall take and pass the test given at the end of such session. Respondent understands that this requirement is separate and apart from fulfilling the MCLE ethics requirement, and is not approved for MCLE credit.

FOR SUSPENSION CASES:

Within one (1) year of the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter, Respondent shall attend the State Bar Ethics School Client Trust Account Record-Keeping Course, which is held periodically at the State Bar of California (555 Franklin Street, San Francisco, or 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles) and shall take and pass the test given at the end of such session. Respondent understands that this requirement is separate and apart from fulfilling the MCLE ethics requirement, and is not approved for MCLE credit.

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**SECTION FIVE. APPROVAL OF PARTIES.**

The parties and all counsel of record hereby approve the foregoing stipulation and all attachments, and the parties agree to be bound by all terms and conditions stated and the agreed disposition.

DATE: 11/22/93

*Djanna M. Gochis*  
Deputy Trial Counsel  
DJANNA M. GOCHIS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Deputy Trial Counsel

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Respondent  
CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
~~*[Signature]*~~  
Respondent

DATE: 11/19/93

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*Arthur L. Margolis*  
Respondent's Counsel  
ARTHUR L. MARGOLIS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent's Counsel

## DECLARATION OF SERVICE

[Rule 242, Trans. Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(1)]

I am a Deputy Court Clerk of the State Bar Court. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. In the City and County of Los Angeles, on the date shown below, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s)

**ORDER REGARDING STIPULATION FILED JANUARY 04, 1994  
STIPULATION AS TO FACTS AND DISPOSITION (RULES 405-407,  
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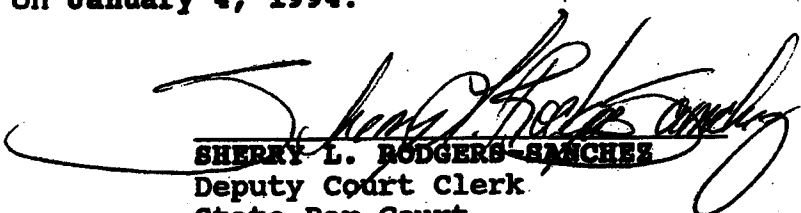
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Los Angeles, CA 90039-3707**

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**Djinna Gochis, Office of Trials**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on January 4, 1994.

  
**SHERRY L. RODGERS-SANCHEZ**  
Deputy Court Clerk  
State Bar Court



The document to which this certificate is affixed is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in the State Bar Court.

ATTEST July 18, 2018

State Bar Court, State Bar of California,  
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HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES**

In the Matter of )  
CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE, )  
Bar No. 86047, )  
A Member of the State Bar. )

**CASE NO. 95-H-15008-CEV  
ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION**

THE COURT, having read and considered the parties' Stipulation to Modify Conditions of Repeval filed February 18, 1997, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the conditions of the repeval are hereby modified as contained and described in the parties stipulation and are incorporated herein by reference as tho fully set forth in this order approving the parties stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 20, 1997



CARLOS E. VELARDE  
Judge of the State Bar Court

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In the Matter of	)	Case No. 95-H-15008-CEV
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CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE	)	STIPULATION TO MODIFY
No. 86047	)	CONDITIONS OF REPROVAL
	)	
A Member of the State Bar	)	[Rules 271 and 551, Rules of
	)	Proc. of the State Bar]

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL, by and through Deputy Trial Counsel ALAN B. GORDON, and Respondent CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE (hereinafter "Respondent") and ERICA TABACHNICK, Respondent's counsel, in accordance with rules 271 and 551, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California as follows:

**I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

1. By order entered May 15, 1996, pursuant to stipulation between Respondent and the State Bar, Respondent was privately reprovod with conditions attached in the above-captioned case.
2. The conditions became effective May 31, 1996, and are, by the terms of the reproval, to remain in effect for one year.

1           **II. VIOLATIONS COMMITTED**

2           3.    Cond. 710, attached to the reproof, requires that if  
3 Respondent is in possession of client funds during any calendar  
4 quarter during the effective period of the reproof, he submit a  
5 certificate from a certified public accountant (hereinafter "CPA")  
6 to the Probation Unit of the State Bar concerning his handling of  
7 such funds.

8           4.    During the second calendar quarter of 1996, Respondent  
9 did possess client funds.

10          5.    Respondent was required by Cond. 710 to submit a  
11 certificate from a CPA to the Probation Unit of the State Bar  
12 concerning his handling of such funds not later than July 10,  
13 1996.

14          6.    Respondent failed to submit a CPA certificate for the  
15 second quarter of 1996, which may constitute cause for a separate  
16 disciplinary proceeding for wilful breach of rule 1-110(A), Rules  
17 of Professional Conduct.

18          7.    Respondent and the State Bar now wish to resolve the  
19 allegation that Respondent willfully breached rule 1-110(A), Rules  
20 of Professional Conduct, without the filing of formal charges by  
21 agreeing to extend and modify the reproof as set forth below.

22           **III. STIPULATED MODIFICATIONS**

23          8.    The parties agree that the effective period of the  
24 conditions of reproof in the above-captioned matter shall be  
25 extended for an additional one year beyond the present expiration  
26 date of May 30, 1997, to May 30, 1998.

27          9.    The parties agree that all conditions of the reproof,  
28 including but not limited to Cond. 310, Cond. 410., Cond. 610, and

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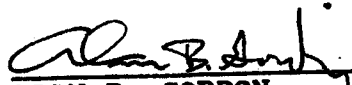
Cond. 710, shall remain in full force and effect for the entire extended period.

10. The parties agree that in addition to conditions previously imposed, Respondent shall be required prior to May 30, 1998, to attend the Client Trust Accounting School, which is held periodically at the State Bar of California, 1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, and to take and pass the test given at the end of such session. Because Respondent has agreed to attend Client Trust Accounting School as part of this Stipulation, Respondent may receive Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit upon the satisfactory completion of Client Trust Accounting School.

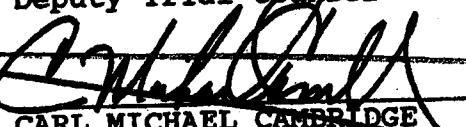
11. The parties agree that in addition to conditions previously imposed, Respondent shall be required prior to May 30, 1998, to take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination and to furnish satisfactory proof of such passage to the Probation Department of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, State Bar of California.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL


DATED: 2/13/97

  
ALAN B. GORDON  
Deputy Trial Counsel

DATED: 2-7-97

  
CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
Respondent

DATED: 2/10/97

  
ERICA TABACHNICK  
Counsel for Respondent

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Coordinator of the State Bar Court. 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 February 25, 1997, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s)

**STIPULATION TO MODIFY CONDITIONS OF REFORVAL FILED  
FEBRUARY 18, 1997;  
ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION FILED FEBRUARY 25, 1997**

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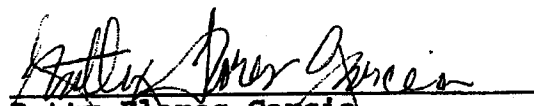
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- [ X ] by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

**ALAN GORDON, OFFICE OF TRIALS  
STEPHANEY BELL; PROBATION UNIT**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Executed in Los Angeles, California, on February 25, 1997.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Patty Flores Garcia  
Case Coordinator  
State Bar Court**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

<p><b>THE STATE BAR COURT OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA</b></p> <p>HEARING DEPARTMENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES                      <input type="checkbox"/> SAN FRANCISCO</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p> <p><b>FILED</b></p> <p><b>MAY 15 1996</b></p> <p>STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES</p>
<p>IN THE MATTER OF</p> <p><b>CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE,</b></p> <p>Bar No. 86047,</p> <p>MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA</p>	<p>CASE NO:    <b>95-H-15008-CEV</b></p> <p>ORDER REGARDING STIPULATION (<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST AMENDED <input type="checkbox"/> SECOND AMENDED) AS TO FACTS AND DISPOSITION</p>

A fully executed Stipulation as to Facts and Disposition pursuant to rule 133, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings consisting of 23 pages, approved by the parties, was submitted in the above-captioned case(s). The stipulations submitted previously are rejected. The stipulation is attached to this order and incorporated as though fully stated here. Unless a party withdraws or modifies the stipulation pursuant to rule 135(c), Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings, this order shall be effective 15 days from the service of this order. After consideration of this stipulation, the Court hereby orders:

- The above mentioned case numbers are hereby consolidated for the purposes of ruling upon this Stipulation.
- Modifications to the stipulation are attached:
  - the parties having no objection.
  - the parties having agreed on the record on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - any party must object within 15 days of the service of this order to the Stipulation, as modified by the Court, or it shall become effective; if any party objects, the Stipulation shall be deemed rejected.
- It appearing that this stipulation and all attachments are fair to the parties and consistent with adequate protection of the public, the stipulation is approved and the disposition is:
  - ordered.
  - recommended to the California Supreme Court.
  - further discussion attached.
- After due consideration of this stipulation and all attachments, it is rejected:
  - for the reasons discussed with the parties in previous conference(s).
  - for the reasons attached to this order.
- It is further  ordered  recommended that costs be awarded to the State Bar pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6086.10.

DATED: May 14, 1996

  
Carlos E. Velarde, Judge of the State Bar Court

In the Matter of CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE      CASE NO:      95-H-15008-CEV

Bar No. 86047

A Member of the State Bar.

**PUBLIC REPROVAL**

Pursuant to General Order 93-10, service upon the parties of this "Order Approving Stipulation As To Facts And Disposition" constitutes a letter of **PUBLIC** Repeval in the name of the State Bar of California to the above named member of the State Bar pursuant to rule 270, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings.

- Conditions in the manner authorized by rule 956, California Rules of Court, are ordered to be attached to this reprovai as set forth in the attached stipulation.
- No conditions are attached to this reprovai.

This **PUBLIC** Repeval shall be effective upon expiration of the period provided by rule 135(c), Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings, unless a timely request for withdrawal or modification of the stipulation is filed.

**PRIVATE REPROVAL**

Pursuant to General Order 93-10, service upon the parties of this "Order Approving Stipulation As To Facts And Disposition" constitutes a letter of **PRIVATE** Repeval in the name of the State Bar of California to the above named member of the State Bar pursuant to rule 270, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings.

- Conditions in the manner authorized by rule 956, California Rules of Court are ordered to be attached to this reprovai as set forth in the attached stipulation.
- No conditions are attached to this reprovai.

This **PRIVATE** Repeval shall be effective upon expiration of the period provided by rule 135(c), Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings, unless a timely request for withdrawal or modification of the stipulation is filed. (See rule 270, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Title II, State Bar Court Proceedings.)



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### SCHEDULE OF ATTACHMENTS

- SECTION ONE:     FORM STIP 110: STIPULATION FORM, INCLUDING  
 GENERAL AGREEMENTS AND  
 WAIVERS  
                                   FORM STIP 120: AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS
- SECTION TWO:     FORM STIP 130: STATEMENT OF ACTS OR OMISSIONS  
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- SECTION THREE:  FORM STIP 140: STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION
- SECTION FOUR:  FORM DISP 200: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF ALL CHARGES
- FORM DISP 205: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES
- FORM DISP 210: ADMONITION
- FORM DISP 220: PRIVATE REPROVAL
- FORM DISP 230: PUBLIC REPROVAL
- FORM DISP 240: SUSPENSION, INCLUDES NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION
- FORM DISP 250: ACTUAL SUSPENSION
- FORM DISP 260: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION
- FORM DISP 270: REGARDING FURTHER CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO REPROVAL
- FORM PROB 310: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR
- FORM PROB 320: RESTITUTION
- FORM PROB 330: PROTECTION OF CLIENT FUNDS
- FORM PROB 340: MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
- FORM PROB 350: ALCOHOL/DRUG IMPAIRMENT
- FORM PROB 360: EDUCATION AND LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT
- FORM PROB 370: COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION OF PROBATION
- FORM PROB 380: FURTHER CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
- SECTION FIVE:  APPROVAL OF PARTIES

<p>THE STATE BAR COURT OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA</p> <p>HEARING DEPARTMENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOS ANGELES <input type="checkbox"/> SAN FRANCISCO</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p> <p><b>F I L E D</b></p> <p>MAY 07 1996</p> <p>STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES</p>
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**SECTION ONE. GENERAL AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS.**

**A. PARTIES.**

1. The parties to this stipulation as to facts and disposition, entered into under rules 405-407, Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California (herein "Rules of Procedure"), are the member of the State Bar of California, captioned above (hereinafter "Respondent"), who was admitted to practice law in the State of California on May 31, 1979 and the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, represented by the Deputy Trial Counsel of record whose name appears below.

2. If Respondent is represented by counsel, Respondent and his or her counsel have reviewed this stipulation, have approved it as to form and substance, and has signed FORM STIP 400 below.

3. If Respondent is appearing in propria persona, Respondent has received this stipulation, has approved it as to form and substance, and has signed FORM STIP 400 below.

**B. JURISDICTION, SERVICE AND NOTICE OF CHARGE(S), AND ANSWER.** The parties agree that the State Bar Court has jurisdiction over Respondent to take the action agreed upon within this stipulation. This stipulation is entered into pursuant to the provisions of rules 405-407, Rules of Procedure. No issue is raised over notice or service of any charge(s). The parties waive any variance between the basis for the action agreed to in this stipulation and any charge(s). As to any charge(s) not yet filed in any matter covered by this stipulation, the parties waive the filing of formal charge(s), any answer thereto, and any other formal procedures.

**C. AUTHORITY OF EXAMINER.** Pursuant to rule 406, Rules of Procedure, the Chief Trial Counsel has delegated to this Deputy Trial Counsel the authority to enter into this stipulation.

**D. PROCEDURES AND TRIAL.**

In order to accomplish the objectives of this stipulation, the parties waive all State Bar Court procedures regarding formal discovery as well as hearing or trial. Instead, the parties agree to submit this stipulation to a judge of the State Bar Court.

**E. PENDING PROCEEDINGS.**

Except as specified in subsection J, all pending investigations and matters included in this stipulation are listed by case number in the caption above.

**F. EFFECT OF THIS STIPULATION.**

1. The parties agree that this stipulation includes this form and all attachments.
2. The parties agree that this stipulation is not binding unless and until approved by a judge of the State Bar Court. If approved, this stipulation shall bind the parties in all matters covered by this stipulation and the parties expressly waive review by the Review Department of the State Bar Court.
3. If the stipulation is not approved by a State Bar Court judge, the parties will be relieved of all effects of the stipulation and any proceedings covered by this stipulation will resume.
4. The parties agree that stipulations as to proposed discipline involving suspension, are not binding on the Supreme Court of California. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 6078, 6083-6084, and 6100, the Supreme Court must enter an order effectuating the terms and conditions of this stipulation before any stipulation for suspension, actual or stayed, will be effective.

**G. PREVIOUSLY REJECTED STIPULATIONS IN PROCEEDINGS OR INVESTIGATIONS COVERED BY THIS STIPULATION.**

Unless disclosed by the parties in subsection I, there have been no previously rejected or withdrawn stipulations in matters or investigations covered by this stipulation.

**H. COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS. (Check appropriate paragraph(s).)**

1. The agreed disposition is eligible for costs to be awarded the State Bar. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6086.10 and 6140.7.) Respondent has been notified of his or her duty to pay costs. The amount of costs assessed by the Office of Chief Trial Counsel will be disclosed in a separate cost certificate submitted following approval of this stipulation by a hearing judge. The amount of costs assessed by the State Bar Court will be disclosed in a separate cost certificate submitted upon finalization of this matter.
2. The agreed disposition is not eligible for costs to be awarded the State Bar.

**I. SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AS TO SECTION ONE.**

- Respondent has been advised of pending investigations, if any, which are not included in this stipulation.
- FORM STIP 120 is attached, stating further general agreements and waivers.

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**SECTION TWO. STATEMENT OF ACTS OR OMISSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW WARRANTING THE AGREED DISPOSITION.**

- The parties have attached FORM STIP 130 and agree that the same warrants the disposition set forth in this stipulation.

**SECTION THREE. STATEMENT OF FACTS, FACTORS OR CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION.**

The parties agree that the following attachment(s) constitute the facts and circumstances considered mitigating, aggravating or otherwise bearing on the agreed disposition:

- FORM STIP 140: STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION

**SECTION FOUR. AGREED DISPOSITION**

Based on the foregoing and all attachments, the parties agree that the appropriate disposition of all matters covered by this stipulation is [Check appropriate disposition(s); attach schedule(s) if indicated]:

- DISMISSAL OF ALL CHARGES [FORM DISP 200]
- DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES [Attach FORM DISP 205: STATEMENT SUPPORTING DISMISSAL OF CERTAIN CHARGES]
- ADMONITION [Attach FORM DISP 210: ADMONITION]
- PRIVATE REPROVAL [Attach FORM DISP 220: PRIVATE REPROVAL]
- PUBLIC REPROVAL [Attach FORM DISP 230: PUBLIC REPROVAL]
- SUSPENSION ENTIRELY STAYED [Attach FORM DISP 240: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAYED SUSPENSION]
- ACTUAL SUSPENSION [Attach FORM DISP 250: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTUAL SUSPENSION]
- ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:
- FORM DISP 260: CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION
- FORM DISP 270: FURTHER CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO REPROVAL

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**IN THE MATTER OF**

**Case No(s). 95-H-15008**

**CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE, Bar No. 86047**

**A Member of the State Bar.**

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**DISCLOSURE OF PENDING INVESTIGATIONS**

Case

Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigations or proceedings not resolved by this Stipulation, identified by investigation case number and complaining witness name, if any. All such information has been provided to the Respondent in a separate document as of February 21, 1996. This date is no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date the Stipulation is filed.

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IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO(S).

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ATTACHMENT TO:  STIPULATION     DECISION

### ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND WAIVERS

- FORM TRI 121: WAIVER OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM ASSESSED COSTS
- FORM TRI 122: WAIVER OF ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
- FORM TRI 123: STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE
- FORM TRI 124: PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND IN CONVICTION PROCEEDING
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**CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE, Bar No. 86047**  
**A Member of the State Bar.**

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**WAIVER OF ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

It is agreed by the parties that investigative matters designated as case number(s) 95-H-15008 shall be incorporated into this Stipulation. The parties waive the issuance of a Notice of Disciplinary Charges and the right to a formal hearing and any other procedures necessary with respect to these investigative matters in order to accomplish the objectives of this Stipulation.



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**STATEMENT OF ACTS OR OMISSIONS  
WARRANTING THE AGREED DISPOSITION**

CASE NO. 95-H-15008

COUNT I

Respondent, Carl Michael Cambridge, failed to comply with the terms and conditions of his private reprobation ordered on January 20, 1994 to wit:

- 1) failed to file Certified Public Accountant's report with certificates of possession of client's funds in Respondent's trust account for dates of: October 10, 1994; January 10, 1995; April 10, 1995; and July 10, 1995.
- 2) failed to file final probation report on July 20, 1995.

The Violation of these conditions of private reprobation order constitute a violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(k).

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEARING ON THE AGREED DISPOSITION**

**A. AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

- 1. Respondent has a record of prior discipline. (Std. 1.2 (b)(i).)<sup>1</sup> Supporting facts: Respondent received private reproof in underlying case number 92-0-17084.
- 2. Respondent's misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing. (Std. 1.2 (b)(ii).) Supporting facts: Failure to file CPA reports on four occasions. Then filed late without including certificates of possession of client funds.
- 3. Respondent's misconduct evidences\demonstrates a pattern of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(ii).) Supporting facts: Respondent failed to include report on client funds.
- 4. Respondent's misconduct was surrounded or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other circumstances defined by Standard 1.2 (b)(iii). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> References to "Standards" are to the "Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct: (See Transitional Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Division V.)

[ ] 5. Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly client(s), the public or the administration of justice. (Std. 1.2 (b)(iv).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] 6. Respondent demonstrated indifference to rectifying the consequences of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] 7. Respondent demonstrated indifference to atoning for the consequences of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] 8. Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to any victim(s) of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (b)(vi).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] 9. Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings. (Std. 1.2 (b)(vi).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

1. Respondent has no record of prior discipline over many years of practice, coupled with present misconduct not deemed serious. (Std. 1.2 (e)(i).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Respondent acted in good faith. (Std. 1.2 (e)(ii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Respondent's misconduct did not result in harm to the client(s) or person(s) who were the objects of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(iii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties at the time of misconduct of the type which is subject to the conditions recognized by Standard 1.2 (e)(iv). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Respondent suffered extreme physical disabilities at the time of misconduct of the type which is subject to the conditions recognized by Standard 1.2 (e)(iv). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the victim(s) of misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 7. Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings. (Std. 1.2 (e)(v).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8. Respondent presented an extraordinary demonstration of good character as set forth in Standard 1.2 (e)(vi). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 9. Respondent promptly took objective steps to spontaneously demonstrate remorse which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of Respondent's misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(vii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 10. Respondent promptly took objective steps to spontaneously demonstrate recognition of the wrongdoing acknowledged, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of Respondent's misconduct. (Std. 1.2 (e)(vii).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11. Considerable time has passed since Respondent's misconduct, followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation (Std. 1.2 (e)(viii)). Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 12. Excessive delay occurred in conducting this disciplinary proceeding, which delay is not attributable to Respondent and which delay was prejudicial to Respondent. (Std. 1.2 (e)(ix).) Supporting facts: \_\_\_\_\_  
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[ ] 13. Additional circumstance(s) in mitigation or additional facts regarding the above paragraphs are stated as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PRIVATE REPROVAL

[Fill in the blanks as appropriate and check boxes at left for all language that is intended to be included in the stipulation, deleting words or phrases that are not appropriate. When designating numbers for the amount of suspension or probation, please spell out the number and include the arabic numeral in parenthesis provided.]

It is recommended that Respondent be privately reproved by the State Bar Court.

The parties understand that although this reproof is termed "private," it arises in a public proceeding. Although the State Bar of California will not affirmatively provide any publicity to the disposition, the file, including the stipulation, any order approving it, in this case will remain public and will be available on any specific inquiry by a member of the public.

The parties understand that this private reproof is a result of a stipulation, entered into prior to the filing of a Notice to Show Cause. The file, the stipulation, the order thereon, and the record of a private reproof, shall remain confidential unless it is used hereafter as a record of prior discipline within the meaning of standard 1.7, Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.

There are no conditions to be attached to this private reproof.

Pursuant to rule 956, paragraph (a), California Rules of Court, it is recommended that the following conditions be attached to the private reproof, based upon a finding that protection of the public and the interests of respondent will be served thereby:

FORM DISP 260: CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION

FORM DISP 270: FURTHER CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO REPROVAL

FORM PROB 310: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PROBATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR

FORM PROB 320: RESTITUTION

FORM PROB 330: PROTECTION OF CLIENT FUNDS



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- FORM PROB 340: MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
- FORM PROB 350: ALCOHOL/DRUG IMPAIRMENT
- FORM PROB 360: EDUCATION AND LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT
- FORM PROB 370: COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION OF PROBATION

- That the conditions attached to the private reproval shall commence to be effective upon the effective date of the order approving stipulation or decision and shall remain in effect for a period of one ([ ] days / [ ] months / [1] years) unless otherwise specifically designated herein;

**NOTICE OF SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PRIVATE REPROVAL**

- RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS STIPULATION CONSTITUTES NOTICE THAT, PURSUANT TO RULE 956, CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT, RESPONDENT'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ANY PRIVATE REPROVAL ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BAR COURT MAY CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR A SEPARATE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING FOR WILFUL BREACH OF RULE 1-110, RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

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### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION<sup>1</sup> - GENERAL

COND. 310. That during the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California;

COND. 410. That during the period of probation, Respondent shall report not later than January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10 of each year or part thereof during which the probation is in effect, in writing, to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, Los Angeles, which report shall state that it covers the preceding calendar quarter or applicable portion thereof, certifying by affidavit or under penalty of perjury (provided, however, that if the effective date of probation is less than 30 days preceding any of said dates, Respondent shall file said report on the due date next following the due date after said effective date):

(a) in Respondent's first report, that Respondent has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act, and Rules of Professional Conduct since the effective date of said probation;

(b) in each subsequent report, that Respondent has complied with all provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct during said period;

(c) provided, however, that a final report shall be filed covering the remaining portion of the period of probation following the last report required by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph certifying to the matters set forth in subparagraph (b) thereof;

<sup>1</sup> If attached to forms DISP 220 or DISP 230, the word "probation," as used herein, shall be interpreted to mean "condition attached to a reproof" pursuant to rule 956, California Rules of Court.

**COND. 600. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS.**

- COND. 610.** That Respondent shall promptly report, and in no event in more than ten days, to the membership records office of the State Bar and to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, all changes of information including current office or other address for State Bar purposes as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code;

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:  
ASSIGNMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR****COND. 510. ASSIGNMENT OF PROBATION MONITOR:**

- That Respondent shall be referred to the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, for assignment of a probation monitor. Respondent shall promptly review the terms and conditions of Respondent's probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance consistent with these terms of probation. During the period of probation, Respondent shall furnish such reports concerning Respondent's compliance as may be requested by the probation monitor. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the probation monitor to enable him/her to discharge Respondent's duties pursuant to rule 611, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar;

**COND. 550. AUTHORITY OF PROBATION MONITOR TO QUESTION RESPONDENT:**

- That subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent shall answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Probation Unit, Office of Trials, and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions of probation which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with these terms of probation;

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**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATION:<sup>1</sup>  
PROTECTION OF CLIENTS' FUNDS**

**COND. 700. PROTECTION OF CLIENTS' FUNDS.**

COND. 710. That if Respondent is in possession of clients' funds, or has come into possession thereof during the period covered by each quarterly report, Respondent shall file with each report required by these conditions of probation a certificate from a Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant certifying:

(a) That Respondent has kept and maintained such books or other permanent accounting records in connection with Respondent's practice as are necessary to show and distinguish between:

(1) Money received for the account of a client and money received for the attorney's own account;

(2) Money paid to or on behalf of a client and money paid for the attorney's own account;

(3) The amount of money held in trust for each client;

(b) That Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California at a branch within the State of California and that such account is designated as a "trust account" or "clients' funds account";

(c) That Respondent has maintained a permanent record showing:

(1) A statement of all trust account transactions sufficient to identify the client in whose behalf the transaction occurred and the date and amount thereof;

<sup>1</sup> If attached to forms DISP 220 or DISP 230, the word "probation," as used herein, shall be interpreted to mean "condition attached to a reproof" pursuant to rule 956, California Rules of Court.

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- (2) Monthly total balances held in a bank account or bank accounts designated "trust account(s)" or "clients' funds account(s)" as appears in monthly bank statements of said account(s)'
  - (3) Monthly listings showing the amount of trust money held for each client and identifying each client for whom trust money is held;
  - (4) Monthly reconciliations of any differences as may exist between said monthly total balances and said monthly listings, together with the reasons for any differences;
- (d) That Respondent has maintained a listing or other permanent record showing all specifically identified property held in trust for clients.

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### COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION OF PROBATION<sup>1</sup>

#### COMMENCEMENT OF PROBATION

That the period of probation shall commence as of the date:

On which the order of the Supreme Court in this matter becomes effective.

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#### COMMENCEMENT OF SUSPENSION

That the period of actual suspension shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_.

That the period of suspension shall commence as of the date:

on which the order of the Supreme Court in this matter becomes effective.

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#### EXPIRATION OF PROBATION

That at the expiration of the period of this probation if Respondent has complied with the terms of probation, the order of the Supreme Court suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of thirty (30) days/~~months/years~~ shall be satisfied and the suspension shall be terminated.

<sup>1</sup> If attached to forms DISP 220 or DISP 230, the word "probation," as used herein, shall be interpreted to mean "condition attached to a reproof" pursuant to rule 956, California Rules of Court.

**SECTION FIVE. APPROVAL OF PARTIES.**

The parties and all counsel of record hereby approve the foregoing stipulation and all attachments, and the parties agree to be bound by all terms and conditions stated and the agreed disposition.

DATE: 5/7/96

AMBurger  
Deputy Trial Counsel **ADRIANA BURGER**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Trial Counsel

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: April 26, 1996

Carl Michael Cambridge  
Respondent **CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Counsel

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Counsel

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Coordinator of the State Bar Court. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. In the City and County of Los Angeles, on May 15, 1996, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s)

**ORDER REGARDING STIPULATION FILED MAY 15, 1996**

in a sealed envelope as follows:

- [ X ] with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid in a facility regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

**CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
CAMBRIDGE & ASSOCIATES  
10800 ROSE AVE #24  
LOS ANGELES CA 90034**

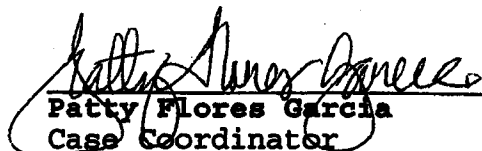
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**ADRIANA BURGER, OFFICE OF TRIALS**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Executed in Los Angeles, California, on May 15, 1996.

  
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Patty Flores Garcia  
Case Coordinator  
State Bar Court





The document to which this certificate is affixed is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in the State Bar Court.

ATTEST July 18, 2018  
State Bar Court, State Bar of California,  
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By *John H. G.*  
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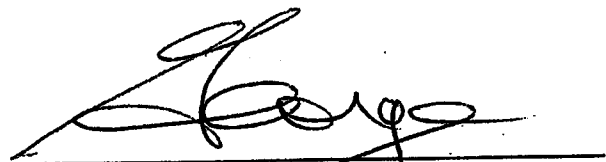
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IN RE CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE ON DISCIPLINE

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It is ordered that **CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE, State Bar No. 86047**, be suspended from the practice of law for one year, that execution of the suspension be stayed, and that he be placed on probation for two years subject to the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on May 14, 2003. It is further ordered that he take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order. (See *Segretti v. State Bar* (1976) 15 Cal.3d 878, 891, fn. 8.) Costs are awarded to the State Bar and one-half of said costs shall be added to and become part of the membership fees for years 2004 and 2005. (Business & Professions Code section 6086.10.)

  
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<p>Counsel for the State Bar  <b>THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA</b>  <b>OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL</b>  <b>COUNSEL, ENFORCEMENT</b>  <b>WILLIAM F. STRALKA, No. 056147</b>  <b>1149 S. HILL STREET</b>  <b>LOS ANGELES, CA 90015-2299</b>  <b>TEL: (213) 765-1000</b></p>	<p>Case number(s)                   01-0-02311</p>	<p>(for Court's use)  <b>ORIGINAL</b>   <b>PUBLIC MATTER</b>   <b>FILED</b>                  MAY 14 2003                  STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE                  SAN FRANCISCO</p>
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<p>In the Matter of   <b>CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE</b>                   Bar # 86047                  A Member of the State Bar of California                  (Respondent)</p>	<p>STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING</p> <p>STAYED SUSPENSION; NO ACTUAL SUSPENSION.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED</p>	

**A. Parties' Acknowledgments:**

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted May 31, 1979 (date)
- (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 and order consist of 12 pages.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law."
- (6) 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.
- (7) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
  - costs added to membership fee for calendar year following effective date of discipline
  - costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: 2004, 2005  
 (hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 284, Rules of Procedure)
  - costs waived in part as set forth under "Partial Waiver of Costs"
  - costs entirely waived

Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, shall be set forth in the text component of this stipulation under specific headings, i.e. "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law."

B. Aggravating Circumstances (definition, see Standards for Attorney Actions for Professional Misconduct, standard 1.2(b).) Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.

(1)  Prior record of discipline [see standard 1.2(f)]

(a)  State Bar Court case # of prior case 92-O-17084-JER

(b)  date prior discipline effective January 4, 1994

(c)  Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations: Rules of Professional

Conduct rules 3-110(A), 4-100(A) and 4-100(B)(4)

(d)  degree of prior discipline Private Reproval

(e)  If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below or under "Prior Discipline".  
95-H-15008-CEV, February 25, 1997, Business and Professions Code, section 6068(k). PRIVATE REPROVAL.

(2)  Dishonesty: Respondent's misconduct was 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.

(7)  Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct: Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.

(8)  No aggravating circumstances are involved.

Additional aggravating circumstances:

C. Mitigating Circumstances (see Standard 1.2(e).) Facts supporting mitigating circumstances 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 or person who was the object of the misconduct.
- (3)  Candor/Cooperation: Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation to the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.
- (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.
- (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 in good faith.
- (8)  Emotional/Physical Difficulties: At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical 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 Respondent no longer suffers from such difficulties or disabilities.
- (9)  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.
- (10)  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.
- (11)  Good Character: Respondent's 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 convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13)  No mitigating circumstances are involved.

Additional mitigating circumstances:

Respondent moved his law office in August, 1998. Respondent's client file for complaining witness Gloria Lopez was lost in the move, and Respondent has no record of money held for Lopez. Respondent has been under treatment since August 1995 for Graves' Disease (hyperthyroidism), which is currently under control.

D. Discipline

1. Stayed Suspension.

A. Respondent shall be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year

- 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 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct
- ii. and until Respondent pays restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ [payee(s)] (or the Client Security Fund, if appropriate), in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, plus 10% per annum accruing from \_\_\_\_\_ and provides proof thereof to the Probation Unit, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel
- iii. and until Respondent does the following: \_\_\_\_\_

B. The above-referenced suspension shall be stayed.

2. Probation.

Respondent shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years which shall commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein. (See rule 953, California Rules of Court.)

E. Additional Conditions of Probation:

- (1)  During the probation period, Respondent shall comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (2)  Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent shall report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Probation Unit, all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (3)  Respondent shall submit written quarterly reports to the Probation Unit on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, respondent shall 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. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report shall 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.
- (4)  Respondent shall be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent shall 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 shall furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Probation Unit. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (5)  Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent shall answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Probation Unit of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel 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.

- (6)  Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, respondent shall provide to the Probation Unit 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.
- (7)  Respondent shall comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and shall so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Probation Unit.
- (8)  The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
- Substance Abuse Conditions       Law Office Management Conditions
- Medical Conditions                       Financial Conditions
- (9)  Other conditions negotiated by the parties:

- Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination: Respondent shall provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Probation Unit of the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel within one year. Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 951(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 321(a)(1) & (c), Rules of Procedure.
- No MPRE recommended.



**ATTACHMENT TO**  
**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION**

IN THE MATTER OF: CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE

CASE NUMBER(S): 01-0-02311

**PENDING PROCEEDINGS:**

The disclosure date referred to, on page one, paragraph A.(6), was April 3, 2003.

**PARTIES ARE BOUND BY THE STIPULATED FACTS:**

The parties intend to be and are hereby bound by the stipulated facts contained in this stipulation. This stipulation as to facts and the facts so stipulated shall independently survive even if the conclusions of law and/or stipulated disposition set forth herein are rejected or changed in any manner whatsoever by the Hearing Department, or the Review Department of the State Bar Court, or by the California Supreme Court.

**STIPULATION AS TO FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

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, or has otherwise committed acts of misconduct warranting discipline:

**FACTS**

**CASE NO. 01-0-02311**

1. On February 17, 1995, Gloria Lopez ("Lopez") employed Respondent to represent her in a personal injury claim on a contingency basis.
2. In September 1997, Lopez's personal injury case settled for \$9,550.00.
3. On September 11, 1997, Respondent deposited the personal injury settlement check, in

the amount of \$9,550.00, into his client trust account number 0402106942 at California United Bank ("CUB").

4. On September 11, 1997, Respondent withdrew \$4,039.44 from his CUB client trust account number 0402106942 to cover his fees and costs in the personal injury matter. This left a balance of \$5,510.56 held for Lopez in Respondent's CUB client trust account number 0402106942.

5. In October 1997, Respondent disbursed to Lopez her share of the personal injury settlement with check no. 245 in the amount of \$3,678.66 drawn on Respondent's CUB client trust account number 0402106942. This left a balance of \$1,831.90 of Lopez's funds in Respondent's CUB client trust account number 0402106942 ostensibly to pay Lopez's outstanding medical liens.

6. By October 6, 1997, there remained only a balance of only \$149.24 in Respondent's CUB client trust account number 0402106942.

7. On May 4, 1998, Respondent paid \$698.93 to the California Department of Health Services on behalf of Lopez with CTA check #298.

8. On November 9, 2000, Lopez's medical provider, Medical Control Services, notified Lopez that medical services rendered to her, which arose out the personal injury matter, in the amount of \$998.00, had not been paid. With interest, this debt had increased to \$1,366.84, which was subsequently paid by Respondent on June 27, 2002.

9. On November 12, 2002, Respondent paid Lopez \$148.46 the balance due from her funds with a check from his general account.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

By the foregoing conduct, Respondent wilfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A), by negligently failing to maintain \$1,682.66 of funds received for the benefit of a client on deposit in a bank account labeled "Trust Account," "Client's Funds Account" or words of similar import.

**SUPPORTING LAW:**

In Palomo v. State Bar (1984) 36 Cal.3d 785, 205 Cal.Rptr. 834, respondent was suspended for one year, suspension stayed, and placed on probation for endorsing his client's name on a check payable to his client, and depositing the check for \$3,000.00 into respondent's payroll account. The payroll account balance fell below \$3,000 on several occasions. Respondent Palomo had a prior public reproof in 1981. The court gave weight to a finding that Palomo had no specific intent to defraud his client.

**COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:**

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of Chief Trial Counsel has informed Respondent that as of 7-02-02. The estimated prosecution costs in this matter are approximately \$1,214.00. Respondent acknowledges that this figure is an estimate only and that it does not include State Bar Court costs which will be included in any final cost assessment. 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.

**WAIVER OF REVIEW BY REVIEW DEPARTMENT:**

Pursuant to Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, rule 251, the parties hereto stipulate to a waiver of review by the Review Department and request that the disciplinary recommendation in this matter be transmitted to the Supreme Court on an expedited basis.

In the Matter of

Carl Michael Cambridge  
A Member of the State Bar

Case Number(s):

01-0-02311

**Law Office Management Conditions**

- a.  Within \_\_\_ days/ \_\_\_ months/ \_\_\_ years of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent shall develop a law office management/ organization plan, which must be approved by respondent's probation monitor, or, if no monitor is assigned, by the Probation Unit. This plan must include procedures to send periodic reports to clients; the documentation of telephone messages received and sent; file maintenance; the meeting of deadlines; the establishment of procedures to withdraw as attorney, whether of record or not, when clients cannot be contacted or located; and, for the training and supervision of support personnel.
- b.  Within \_\_\_ days/ \_\_\_ months 1 year of the effective date of the discipline herein, respondent shall submit to the Probation Unit satisfactory evidence of completion of no less than 6 hours of MCLE approved courses in law office management, attorney client relations and/ or general legal ethics. This requirement is separate from any Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirement, and respondent shall not receive MCLE credit for attending these courses (Rule 3201, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.)
- c.  Within 30 days of the effective date of the discipline, respondent shall join the Law Practice Management and Technology Section of the State Bar of California and pay the dues and costs of enrollment for 2 year(s). Respondent shall furnish satisfactory evidence of membership in the section to the Probation Unit of the Office of Chief Trial Counsel in the first report required.

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Financial Conditions

- a.  Respondent shall pay restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ [payee(s)] (or the Client Security Fund, if appropriate), in the amount(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, plus 10% interest per annum accruing from \_\_\_\_\_, and provide proof thereof to the Probation Unit, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel,  no later than \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 on the payment schedule set forth on the attachment under "Financial Conditions, Restitution."
- b.  1. If respondent possesses client funds at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly report, respondent shall file with each required report a certificate from respondent and/or a certified public accountant or other financial professional approved by the Probation Unit, certifying that:
- a. respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California, at a branch located within the State of California, and that such account is designated as a "Trust Account" or "Clients' Funds Account";
  - b. respondent has kept and maintained the following:
    - i. a written ledger for each client on whose behalf funds are held that sets forth:
      - 1. the name of such client;
      - 2. the date, amount and source of all funds received on behalf of such client;
      - 3. the date, amount, payee and purpose of each disbursement made on behalf of such client; and,
      - 4. the current balance for such client.
    - ii. a written journal for each client trust fund account that sets forth:
      - 1. the name of such account;
      - 2. the date, amount and client affected by each debit and credit; and,
      - 3. the current balance in such account.
    - iii. all bank statements and cancelled checks for each client trust account; and,
    - iv. each monthly reconciliation (balancing) of (i), (ii), and (iii), above, and if there are any differences between the monthly total balances reflected in (i), (ii), and (iii), above, the reasons for the differences.
  - c. respondent has maintained a written journal of securities or other properties held for clients that specifies:
    - i. each item of security and property held;
    - ii. the person on whose behalf the security or property is held;
    - iii. the date of receipt of the security or property;
    - iv. the date of distribution of the security or property; and,
    - v. the person to whom the security or property was distributed.
2. If respondent does not possess any client funds, property or securities during the entire period covered by a report, respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Probation Unit for that reporting period. In this circumstance, respondent need not file the accountant's certificate described above.
3. The requirements of this condition are in addition to those set forth in rule 4-100, Rules of Professional Conduct.
- c.  Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, respondent shall supply to the Probation Unit satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School Client Trust Accounting School, within the same period of time, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.

(Financial Conditions form approved by SBC Executive Committee 10/16/00)

April 17, 2003  
Date

[Signature]  
Respondent's signature

Carl Michael Cambridge  
print name

April 14, 2003  
Date

[Signature]  
Respondent's Counsel's signature

JoAnne Earls Robbins  
print name

April 28, 2003  
Date

[Signature]  
Deputy Trial Counsel's signature

William F. Stralka  
print name

**ORDER**

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, IT IS ORDERED that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is GRANTED without prejudice, and:

- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED and the DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are APPROVED AS MODIFIED as set forth below, and the DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED to the Supreme Court.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 135(b), Rules of Procedure.) The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 953(a), California Rules of Court.)

5/12/03  
Date

[Signature]  
Judge of the State Bar Court

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]**

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court. 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 May 14, 2003, 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:

**JOANN E. ROBBINS  
KARPMAN & ASSOCIATES  
9200 SUNSET BLVD, PH#7  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90069**

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

**WILLIAM STRALKA, Enforcement, Los Angeles**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 2003.



**George Hue  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court**

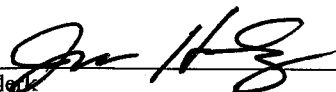




The document to which this certificate is affixed is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in the State Bar Court.

ATTEST July 18, 2018

State Bar Court, State Bar of California,  
Los Angeles

By   
Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

I am a Court Specialist 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 August 7, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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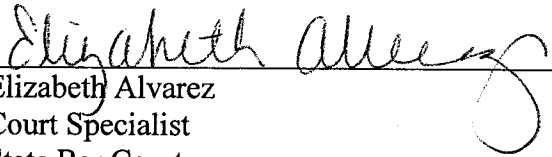
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CARL MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PO BOX 451922  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90045 - 8524

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Cindy W.Y. Chan, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 7, 2018.

  
Elizabeth Alvarez  
Court Specialist  
State Bar Court