

**PUBLIC MATTER**

1 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
2 OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL  
3 MELANIE J. LAWRENCE, No. 230102  
4 INTERIM CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL  
5 RIZAMARI C. SITTON, No. 138319  
6 ASSISTANT CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL  
7 WILLIAM S. TODD, No. 259194  
8 SUPERVISING ATTORNEY  
9 PATRICE VALLIER-GLASS, No. 305900  
10 DEPUTY TRIAL COUNSEL  
11 845 South Figueroa Street  
12 Los Angeles, California 90017-2515  
13 Telephone: (213) 765-1180

**FILED**

**AUG 20 2018**

STATE BAR COURT  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
LOS ANGELES

STATE BAR COURT

HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

12 In the Matter of: ) Case No. 17-O-05188  
13 ROBERT ARTHUR BARTLETT, )  
14 No. 197966, ) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES  
15 A Member of the State Bar. )

**NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

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

- (1) YOUR DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED;**
- (2) YOUR STATUS WILL BE CHANGED TO INACTIVE AND YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW;**
- (3) YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOU MAKE A TIMELY MOTION AND THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND;**
- (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE. SPECIFICALLY, IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY MOVE TO SET ASIDE OR VACATE YOUR DEFAULT, THIS COURT WILL ENTER AN ORDER RECOMMENDING YOUR DISBARMENT WITHOUT FURTHER HEARING OR PROCEEDING. SEE RULE 5.80 ET SEQ., RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.**

1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. Robert Arthur Bartlett ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the State  
4 of California on December 3, 1998, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges, and is  
5 currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 17-O-05188  
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A)  
9 [Failure to Maintain Client Funds in Trust Account]

10 2. On or about February 2, 2015, respondent received on behalf of respondent's client,  
11 Kevin Chaffey ("Chaffey"), a settlement check from Interinsurance Exchange of the  
12 Automobile Club Co. made payable to respondent, Chaffey, and Chaffey's previous attorney, in  
13 the sum of \$12,297. On or about May 21, 2015, respondent deposited the \$12,297 into  
14 respondent's client trust account at Bank of America, account no. xxxxxxxx3725 ("CTA"), on  
15 behalf of Chaffey. Of this sum, Chaffey was entitled to \$9,222.75. Respondent failed to  
16 maintain a balance of \$9,222.75 on behalf of Chaffey in respondent's CTA, in willful violation  
17 of Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(A).

18 COUNT TWO

19 Case No. 17-O-05188  
20 Business and Professions Code, section 6106  
21 [Moral Turpitude - Misappropriation]

22 3. On or about February 2, 2015, respondent received on behalf of respondent's client,  
23 Kevin Chaffey ("Chaffey"), a settlement check from Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile  
24 Club Co. made payable to respondent, Chaffey, and Chaffey's previous attorney, in the sum of  
25 \$12,297.

26 4. On or about May 21, 2015, respondent deposited the \$12,297 into respondent's client  
27 trust account at Bank of America, account no. xxxxxxxx3725 ("CTA") on behalf of Chaffey.

1           5. Between May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015, respondent willfully and intentionally  
2 misappropriated \$8,875.51 that respondent's client, Chaffey, was entitled to receive. Respondent  
3 thereby committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption in willful violation  
4 of Business and Professions Code, section 6106.

5           6. A violation of section 6106 may result from intentional conduct or grossly negligent  
6 conduct. Respondent is charged with committing an intentional misappropriation. However,  
7 should the evidence at trial demonstrate that respondent misappropriated funds as a result of  
8 grossly negligent conduct, respondent must still be found culpable of violating section 6106  
9 because misappropriation through gross negligence is a lesser included offense of intentional  
10 misappropriation.

11  
12                           **NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!**

13           **YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR  
14 COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE  
15 SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL  
16 THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO  
17 THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN  
18 INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE  
19 ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE  
20 RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.**

21  
22                           **NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

23           **IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC  
24 DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS  
25 INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING  
26 AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND  
27 PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

28                           Respectfully submitted,

                          THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
                          OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

DATED: August 20, 2018

By: 

Patrice Vallier-Glass  
Deputy Trial Counsel

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by

U.S. FIRST-CLASS MAIL / U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL / OVERNIGHT DELIVERY / FACSIMILE-ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

CASE NUMBER(s): 17-O-05188

I, the undersigned, am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action, whose business address and place of employment is the State Bar of California, 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, declare that:

- on the date shown below, I caused to be served a true copy of the within document described as follows:

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

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

- in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles.

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

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

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

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

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

By Electronic Service: (CCP § 1010.6)

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

(for U.S. First-Class Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Certified Mail) in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt requested,

Article No.: 9414 7266 9904 2111 0224 19 at Los Angeles, addressed to: (see below)

(for Overnight Delivery) together with a copy of this declaration, in an envelope, or package designated by UPS,

Tracking No.: addressed to: (see below)

Table with 4 columns: Person Served, Business-Residential Address, Fax Number, Courtesy Copy to. Row 1: ROBERT ARTHUR BARTLETT, LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT A. BARTLETT 9825 MAGNOLIA AVE, STE B-352 RIVERSIDE, CA 92503, Electronic Address.

via inter-office mail regularly processed and maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:

N/A

I am readily familiar with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, and overnight delivery by the United Parcel Service ('UPS'). In the ordinary course of the State Bar of California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day, and for overnight delivery, deposited with delivery fees paid or provided for, with UPS that same day.

I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: August 20, 2018

SIGNED:

NATALIE FLORES Declarant

Handwritten signature of Natalie Flores