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HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

9 In the Matter of

) Case No.: 18-O-11220

10 Julie A. Ringquist,  
11 SBN 203982

) ANSWER TO THE NOTICE OF  
DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

12 A Member of the State Bar.  
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16 TO: THE STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

17 Pursuant to Rule 5.43 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Respondent,  
18 Julie A. Ringquist ("Respondent"), hereby submits the following in response to the Notice of  
19 Disciplinary Charges on file herein:

20 Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in the State of California on December 6,  
21 1999, and at all relevant times herein, he has been a member of the State Bar of California. For the  
22 purposes of the within proceeding, the address for service on Respondent is as follows:

23 4000 Barranca Pkwy. Suite 250 Irvine, CA 92604

24 Under the provisions of Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California, Respondent hereby  
25 generally denies each and every allegation of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges and the whole thereof  
26 and further denies that Respondent has violated any Rule of Professional Conduct in any manner  
27 whatsoever.

28 In response to the specific allegations on information and belief set forth in the Notice of  
Disciplinary Charges on file herein, Respondent asserts:

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**JURISDICTION**

1. In response to Paragraph 1 (the first paragraph numbered 1) of the Notice of Disciplinary Charges (“NDC”), Respondent admits said allegations.

**COUNT ONE**

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Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3-110(A)

[Failure to Perform with Competence]

2. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 1 (the second paragraph numbered 1) of the NDC because they are conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection, Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 (the second paragraph numbered 1) of the NDC; Respondent admits she was employed to perform legal services for Ms. Zamanian on September 1, 2017; Respondent denies failing to perform with competence, in willful violation of 3-110(A), and denies providing no services of value.

**COUNT TWO**

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Business and Professions Code section 6068(m)

[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

3. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the NDC because they are conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection, Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the NDC; Respondent denies any willful violation of 6068(m).

**COUNT THREE**

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Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3-700(A)(2)

[Improper Withdrawal from Employment]

4. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the NDC because they are conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection, Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the NDC; Respondent denies

1 constructively terminating employment on September 1, 2017, and not acting on client's behalf after  
2 September 1, 2017.

3 **COUNT FOUR**

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5 Business and Professions Code Rule 3-700(D)(2)

6 [Failure to Return Unearned Fees]

7 5. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the NDC because they are  
8 conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection,  
9 Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the NDC; Respondent denies not  
10 performing any legal serves for Zamanian after September 1, 2017 and not earning any fees;  
11 Respondent denies she willfully violated 3-700(D)(2) after she became aware that Zamanian had  
12 discharged her services.

13 **COUNT FIVE**

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15 Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 4-100(B)(3)

16 [Failure to Render Accounts of Client Funds]

17 6. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 5 of the NDC because they are  
18 conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection,  
19 Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the NDC; Respondent admits  
20 receiving fees of \$1,500.00 on September 1, 2017, as well as not providing an account on or about  
21 October 21, 2017; Respondent denies she was terminated on October 21, 2017; Respondent denies  
22 any willful violations of 4-100(B)(3).

23 **COUNT SIX**

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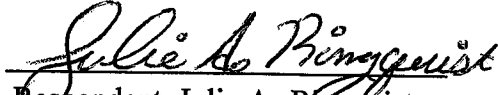
25 Business and Professions Code section 6068(i)

26 [Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

27 7. Respondent objects to the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the NDC because they are  
28 conclusory, compound, and intertwined with legal conclusions. Notwithstanding said objection,  
Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the NDC; Respondent denies

1 receiving and willfully not responding to the allegations, in part due to her office being effectively  
2 shut down at the time; Respondent took no new clients between October 2017 and December 2018;  
3 Respondent only took on less than 4 clients during the last half of 2017 (including Zamanian) due to  
4 health issues affecting her ability to work.

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6 DATED: December 9, 2018

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8 Respondent, Julie A. Ringquist

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