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# PUBLIC MATTER

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HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

11 In the Matter of:

12 JULIE ANNE RINGQUIST,  
13 No. 203982,

14 A Member of the State Bar.

) Case No. 18-O-11220

) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

15 **NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!**

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

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

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1 The State Bar of California alleges:

2 JURISDICTION

3 1. JULIE ANNE RINGQUIST ("respondent") was admitted to the practice of law in the  
4 State of California on December 6, 1999, was a member at all times pertinent to these charges,  
5 and is currently a member of the State Bar of California.

6 COUNT ONE

7 Case No. 18-O-11220  
8 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A)  
[Failure to Perform with Competence]

9 1. On or about September 1, 2017, Encarna Zamanian employed Respondent to perform  
10 legal services, namely to complete Zamanian's dissolution of marriage, which Respondent  
11 intentionally, recklessly, or repeatedly failed to perform with competence, in willful violation of  
12 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-110(A), by failing to complete Zamanian's dissolution of  
13 marriage, or to provide any other services of value to Zamanian.

14 COUNT TWO

15 Case No. 18-O-11220  
16 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m)  
[Failure to Respond to Client Inquiries]

17 2. Respondent failed to respond promptly to reasonable status inquiries made by  
18 Respondent's client, Encarna Zamanian, with seven by telephone, five via email and two by text  
19 message, between on or about October 22, 2017 and on or about January 12, 2018, that  
20 Respondent received in a matter in which Respondent had agreed to provide legal services, in  
21 willful violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(m).

22 COUNT THREE

23 Case No. 18-O-11220  
24 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2)  
[Improper Withdrawal from Employment]

25 3. Respondent failed, upon termination of employment, to take reasonable steps to avoid  
26 reasonably foreseeable prejudice to Respondent's client, Encarna Zamanian, by constructively  
27 terminating Respondent's employment on September 1, 2017, by failing to take any action on the  
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1 client's behalf after September 1, 2017, and thereafter failing to inform the client that  
2 Respondent was withdrawing from employment, in willful violation of Rules of Professional  
3 Conduct, rule 3-700(A)(2).

4 COUNT FOUR

5 Case No. 18-O-11220  
6 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2)  
[Failure to Refund Unearned Fees]

7 4. On or about September 1, 2017, Respondent received advanced fees of \$1,500 from a  
8 client, Encarna Zamanian ("Zamanian"), to complete Zamanian's dissolution of marriage.  
9 Respondent failed to complete Zamanian's dissolution of marriage, or perform any legal services  
10 for Zamanian, and therefore earned none of the advanced fees paid. Respondent failed to refund  
11 promptly, upon Zamanian's termination of Respondent's employment on or about October 21,  
12 2017, any part of the \$1,500 fee to the client, in willful violation of Rules of Professional  
13 Conduct, rule 3-700(D)(2).

14 COUNT FIVE

15 Case No. 18-O-11220  
16 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3)  
[Failure to Render Accounts of Client Funds]

17 5. On or about September 1, 2017, Respondent received on behalf of Respondent's  
18 client, Encarna Zamanian, advance attorney's fees of \$1,500. Respondent thereafter failed to  
19 render an appropriate accounting to the client regarding those funds following upon the  
20 termination of Respondent's employment on or about October 21, 2017, in willful violation of  
21 the Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-100(B)(3).

22 COUNT SIX

23 Case No. 18-O-11220  
24 Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i)  
[Failure to Cooperate in State Bar Investigation]

25 6. Respondent failed to cooperate and participate in a disciplinary investigation pending  
26 against Respondent by failing to provide a substantive response to the State Bar's letters of  
27 March 29, 2018 and July 12, 2018, which Respondent received, that requested Respondent's  
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1 response to the allegations of misconduct being investigated in case no. 18-O-11220, in willful  
2 violation of Business and Professions Code, section 6068(i).

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4 **NOTICE - INACTIVE ENROLLMENT!**

5 **YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE STATE BAR**  
6 **COURT FINDS, PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**  
7 **SECTION 6007(c), THAT YOUR CONDUCT POSES A SUBSTANTIAL**  
8 **THREAT OF HARM TO THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CLIENTS OR TO**  
9 **THE PUBLIC, YOU MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY ENROLLED AS AN**  
10 **INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR. YOUR INACTIVE**  
11 **ENROLLMENT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO ANY DISCIPLINE**  
12 **RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT.**

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14 **NOTICE - COST ASSESSMENT!**

15 **IN THE EVENT THESE PROCEDURES RESULT IN PUBLIC**  
16 **DISCIPLINE, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS**  
17 **INCURRED BY THE STATE BAR IN THE INVESTIGATION, HEARING**  
18 **AND REVIEW OF THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND**  
19 **PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10.**

20 Respectfully submitted,

21 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
22 OFFICE OF CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

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28 DATED: October 16, 2018

By: 

William Todd  
Supervising Attorney

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

by

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CASE NUMBER(s): 18-O-11220

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 0137 14 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: JULIE ANNE RINGQUIST, Law Ofc Julie A Ringquist 4000 Barranca Pkwy Ste 250 Irvine, CA 92604, Electronic Address, (empty).

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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: October 16, 2018

SIGNED:

Handwritten signature of Kim Wimbish, printed name KIM WIMBISH, Declarant.