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In the Matter of	)	Case No. SBC-19-ZB-30067-CV
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GREGORY LYLE JACKSON,	)	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
	)	FOR TRANSFER TO ACTIVE
State Bar No. 212265.	)	ENROLLMENT
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**Introduction**

In this proceeding, Petitioner Gregory Lyle Jackson (Petitioner) seeks to be transferred from inactive status under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (b)(1), to active status, contending that there is no longer a basis for his inactive enrollment.<sup>1</sup>

**Pertinent Procedural History**

On February 19, 2019, Petitioner filed and properly served a verified petition for transfer to active enrollment upon the Office of Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar of California (OCTC). On February 25, 2019, the OCTC filed a statement of non-opposition to the petition based on review of the medical information submitted by Petitioner. No hearing was held on this matter and it was submitted for decision on February 27, 2019.



<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all references to rules refer to the State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct. Furthermore, all statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

In or about 2007-2008, Petitioner was diagnosed with viral encephalitis, a neurological condition that causes swelling of the brain, initiating memory loss, nausea and seizures, until the virus has run its course or goes into remission. Petitioner voluntarily sought inactive status with the State Bar on December 31, 2013, after nearly a year of being ill with a relapse of his condition that had caused diminished neurological capacity, including short and long-term memory loss, nausea, vomiting and difficulty finding words. Petitioner was transferred to inactive status after a July 31, 2014 hearing, in case No. 14-TB-04082, until he provides to the court a neurological clearance from a licensed neurologist that he poses no danger to the general public and/or his clients, and that it is safe for Petitioner to resume the practice of law in California.


Petitioner received treatment with Kern Medical Center Neurological Department from April 4, 2014 to July 7, 2015. After evaluation, neurologist Katayoun Sabetian, M.D., declared in his discharge report dated July 8, 2015, that "There is no neurological contraindication to [the] patient working."

As Petitioner did not seek to reinstate his active status until in or about April of 2018, during the June 4, 2018 status conference concerning this matter, a more recent neurological clearance was required upon examination of his current condition. Petitioner was seen by neurologist Sameh S. Labib, M.D., at the Kern County Neurological Medical Group, Inc., on June 18, 2018. On July 5, 2018, Dr. Labib examined Petitioner and administered a series of tests to determine Petitioner's neurological condition. In his report dated July 5, 2018, Dr. Labib stated that "There is no neurological contraindication [for Petitioner] to go back to work/legal practice. Patient is no threat to public from neurological standpoint. Patient is released to return back [to] work."

Petitioner has obtained and submitted to the court, clearance from a licensed neurologist as of July 5, 2018, that he is fit to return to the practice of law and that he does not pose any threat or danger to the public or clients. Based on this documentation in support of his petition, the court, therefore, finds by clear and convincing evidence, that there is no longer a basis for Petitioner's inactive enrollment under Business and Professions Code section 6007, subdivision (b)(1). Accordingly, the court **GRANTS** the petition and orders Petitioner transferred to active status upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

1. Petitioner has paid all required State Bar fees and previously assessed costs (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6086.10 and 6140.7); and
2. Petitioner has fully complied with any other requirements for his return to active membership status and is otherwise entitled to practice law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.210.)

Dated: March 11, 2019

  
CYNTHIA VALENZUELA  
Judge of the State Bar Court

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

I am a 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 March 11, 2019, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

### **DECISION GRANTING PETITION FOR TRANSFER TO ACTIVE ENROLLMENT**

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 11, 2019.

  
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Paul Songco  
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State Bar Court