# SUPREME COURT MINUTES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

S226596 D066705 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1 MARTINEZ (HECTOR) ON H.C

Petition for review granted

Votes: Cantil-Sakauye, C. J., Werdegar, Chin, Corrigan, Liu, Cuéllar, and Kruger, JJ.

S093944

PEOPLE v. BERTSCH (JOHN ANTHONY) & HRONIS (JEFFERY LEE)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel Thomas Lundy's representation that appellant John Anthony Bertsch's opening brief is anticipated to be filed by December 31, 2015, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 17, 2015. After that date, only one further extension totaling about 43 additional days is contemplated.

S104665

PEOPLE v. POORE (CHRISTOPHER ERIC)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel R. Clayton Seaman, Jr.'s representation that the appellant's opening brief is anticipated to be filed by April 10, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 6, 2015. After that date, only three further extensions totaling about 156 additional days are contemplated.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

S150524

PEOPLE v. ARGUETA (CARLOS MARVIN)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon Supervising Deputy State Public Defender Nina Wilder's representation that the appellant's reply brief is anticipated to be filed by March 17, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 16, 2015. After that date, only two further extensions totaling about 120 additional days are contemplated.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

PEOPLE v. TURNER (CHESTER DEWAYNE)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon Deputy Attorney General Blythe J. Leszkay's representation that the respondent's brief is anticipated to be filed by November 14, 2015, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 16, 2015. After that date, no further extension is contemplated.

S157458

PEOPLE v. BELTRAN (JULIAN ARTURO)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel Joseph Baxter's representation that the appellant's opening brief is anticipated to be filed by December 21, 2015, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 10, 2015. After that date, only one further extension totaling about 40 additional days is contemplated.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

S162506

PEOPLE v. CHAVEZ (JUAN JOSE)

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file appellant's opening brief is extended to November 13, 2015.

S170957

PEOPLE v. BECERRADA (RUBEN)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon Senior Deputy State Public Defender Arnold A. Erickson's representation that the appellant's reply brief is anticipated to be filed by May 16, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 13, 2015. After that date, only three further extensions totaling about 184 additional days will be granted.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

# PEOPLE v. KEMP (DARRYL THOMAS)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel William D. Farber's representation that the appellant's opening brief is anticipated to be filed by September 1, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 9, 2015. After that date, only five further extensions totaling about 300 additional days are contemplated.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

S178464

PEOPLE v. MARTINEZ (SANTIAGO)

Extension of time granted

Good cause appearing, and based upon counsel Mark E. Cutler's representation that the appellant's opening brief is anticipated to be filed by June 30, 2016, counsel's request for an extension of time in which to file that brief is granted to November 20, 2015. After that date, only four further extensions totaling about 223 additional days are contemplated.

An application to file an overlength brief must be served and filed no later than 60 days before the anticipated filing date. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.631(d)(1)(A)(ii) & (B)(ii).)

S199667

PEOPLE v. GRAHAM (JAWAUN DEION)

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file appellant's opening brief is extended to November 16, 2015.

S224611

MENDOZA (CHRISTOPHER) & GORDON (MEAGAN) v. NORDSTROM, INC.

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the reply brief on the merits is extended to October 22, 2015.

No further extensions will be granted.

S225398 B255558 Second Appellate District, Div. 8

ROY ALLAN SLURRY SEAL, INC. v. AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC.

Extension of time granted

On application of appellants and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the answer brief on the merits is extended to September 30, 2015.

S227473

G049691 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3

BANNING RANCH CONSERVANCY v. CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH (NEWPORT BANNING

RANCH, LLC)

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the opening brief on the merits is extended to November 9, 2015.

S227342 F066005 Fifth Appellate District

PEOPLE v. CASTELLANO (ADRIAN)

Counsel appointment order filed

Upon request of appellant for appointment of counsel, Stephen M. Lathrop is hereby appointed to represent appellant on the appeal now pending in this court.

S220289

HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION v. PADILLA (ALEX)/ (LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

Order filed

For purposes of oral argument the Respondent and Real Party in Interest are deemed the petitioners.

S226299

# **MULLINS ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that JOHN JASON GENTRY MULLINS, State Bar Number 236485, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

JOHN JASON GENTRY MULLINS must make restitution to the following payees:

- (1) Securo Capital Limited in the amount of \$296,921.94 plus 10 percent interest per year from May 28, 2013;
- (2) 8153418 Canada Inc. in the amount of \$147,00.00 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 11, 2013;

- (3) Kongkia Investment Co., Ltd., in the amount of \$149,984.56 plus 10 percent interest per year from June 19, 2013; and
- (4) Embrace Development & Management, LLC, in the amount of \$100,000.00 plus 10 percent interest per year from August 2, 2013.

Any restitution owed to the Client Security Fund is enforceable as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivisions (c) and (d).

JOHN JASON GENTRY MULLINS must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

#### S226315

### ROSS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that VERNA JEAN ROSS, State Bar Number 165744, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that her name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

VERNA JEAN ROSS must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

#### S226319

#### WASS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that GEORGE STEVEN WASS, State Bar Number 161732, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. GEORGE STEVEN WASS is suspended from the practice of law for the first thirty days of probation;
- 2. GEORGE STEVEN WASS must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 17, 2015; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if GEORGE STEVEN WASS s has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

GEORGE STEVEN WASS must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Costs are 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 half of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2016 and 2017. If GEORGE STEVEN WASS fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

### S226332

# STERNBERG ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG, State Bar Number 217300, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first one year of probation, and he will remain suspended until he provides proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and 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).)
- BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 17, 2015.
  3.At the expiration of the period of probation, if BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG has complied with all conditions of probation, the two-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination during the period of his suspension and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are 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 his membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. If BENJAMIN NATHANIEL STERNBERG fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

#### JOHNSON ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON, State Bar Number 134520, is suspended from the practice of law in California for three years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first two years of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He pays \$15,000 in sanctions to the United States Trustee in accordance with the order the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California entered on July 3, 2013, in *In re Jeffrey R. Wood, Debtor*, and furnishes satisfactory proof thereof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles; and
  - ii. KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON provides proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and 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).)
- 2. KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 16, 2015.
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination during the period of his suspension and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are 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 his membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. If KELLY SCOTT JOHNSON fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

#### AMER ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that AL FADEL AMER, State Bar Number 197745, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. AL FADEL AMER is suspended from the practice of law for the first 60 days of probation;
- 2. AL FADEL AMER must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 18, 2015; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if AL FADEL AMER has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

AL FADEL AMER must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).) Costs are 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-half of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2016 and 2017. If AL FADEL AMER fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

# S226451

# BARTOUMIAN ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that ARSHAK BARTOUMIAN, State Bar Number 210370, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys. ARSHAK BARTOUMIAN must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

#### RENSHAW ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW, State Bar Number 132640, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on March 23, 2015; and
- 2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW has complied with the terms of probation, the one-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and 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).)

Costs are 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-half of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2016 and 2017. If STEVEN JOSEPH RENSHAW fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

# S226640

# **BRAY ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that KEITH HAMMOND BRAY, State Bar Number 219586, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

KEITH HAMMOND BRAY must make restitution to Calvin and Lucille Hull in the amount of \$7,200 plus 10 percent interest per year from November 24, 2012. Any restitution owed to the Client Security Fund is enforceable as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivisions (c) and (d).

KEITH HAMMOND BRAY must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

#### **BAYARD ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that THOMAS JAMES BAYARD, State Bar Number 226247, is suspended from the practice of law in California for three years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. THOMAS JAMES BAYARD is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first year of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He makes restitution to the following payees (or reimburses the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the fund to the payees, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles:
    - (1) Lorraine Minick in the amount of \$36,500;
    - (2) Terry Thompson in the amount of \$32,000; and
    - (3) Eloise Lee in the amount of \$8,400 plus 10 percent interest per year from November 9, 2009.
  - ii. If he remains suspended for two years or more as a result of not satisfying the preceding condition, he must also provide proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and learning and ability in the general law before the suspension will be terminated. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)
- 2. THOMAS JAMES BAYARD must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on April 1, 2015.
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if THOMAS JAMES BAYARD has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

THOMAS JAMES BAYARD must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension.

Costs are 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 his membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. If THOMAS JAMES BAYARD fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

#### GRELL ON DISCIPLINE

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Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that CHRISTOPHER EINAR GRELL, State Bar Number 88498, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys. CHRISTOPHER EINAR GRELL must make restitution to the Estate of Florence Marsh in the amount of \$163,624.97 plus 10 percent interest per year from October 21, 2013. Any restitution owed to the Client Security Fund is enforceable as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivisions (c) and (d).

CHRISTOPHER EINAR GRELL must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

#### S226837

#### **CURREY ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that SCOTT MONTGOMERY CURREY, State Bar Number 242320, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

SCOTT MONTGOMERY CURREY must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

### S226838

# **NGUYEN ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that NEIL NGHIA XUAN NGUYEN, State Bar Number 181143, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. NEIL NGHIA XUAN NGUYEN is suspended from the practice of law for the first 60 days of probation;
- 2. NEIL NGHIA XUAN NGUYEN must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on April 8, 2015; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if NEIL NGHIA XUAN NGUYEN has complied with all conditions of probation, the two-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

Costs are 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 his membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. If NEIL NGHIA XUAN NGUYEN fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

#### S226841

# STEWART ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that ANDREW MacLAREN STEWART, State Bar Number 204170, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

ANDREW MacLAREN STEWART must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

#### S226855

#### **BROWN IV ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV, State Bar Number 97315, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV is suspended from the practice of law for the first thirty days of probation;
- 2. THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on April 8, 2015; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order and provide satisfactory proof of such passage to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles within the same period. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).) Costs are 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 his membership fees for each of the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. If THOMAS PATRICK BROWN IV fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

# S226860

#### WARD ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that TED SCOTT WARD, State Bar Number 143810, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

TED SCOTT WARD must make restitution to The Hartford Insurance Company in the amount of \$23,353.82 plus 10 percent interest per year from August 28, 2012. Any restitution owed to the Client Security Fund is enforceable as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivisions (c) and (d).

TED SCOTT WARD must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

### S226861

### CHILDS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that JERRY F. CHILDS, State Bar Number 218457, is suspended from the practice of law in California for three years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for four years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. JERRY F. CHILDS is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first one year of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He furnishes to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School; and
  - ii. He provides proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and 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).)

- 2. JERRY F. CHILDS must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on April 6, 2015.
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if JERRY F. CHILDS has complied with all conditions of probation, the three-year period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

JERRY F. CHILDS must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order. Failure to do so may result in disbarment or suspension. Costs are 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.

# S226863

#### CONGDON ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that BYRON EDWIN CONGDON, State Bar Number 123286, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys. BYRON EDWIN CONGDON must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

Costs are 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.

# S226867

# **GOTTLIEB ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that HOWARD RONALD GOTTLIEB, State Bar Number 71010, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys. HOWARD RONALD GOTTLIEB must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.

#### MIES ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that LORENE LYNN MIES, State Bar Number 110954, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that her name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

LORENE LYNN MIES must make restitution to the following payees:

- (1) Molly Mahtesian in the amount of \$3,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 2, 2013;
- (2) Molly Mahtesian in the amount of \$612 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 2, 2013;
- (3) Dennis and Maria Kaczor in the amount of \$1,781 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 2, 2013;
- (4) Dennis and Maria Kaczor in the amount of \$281 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 2, 2013;
- Oscar Ornelas in the amount of \$1,500 plus 10 percent interest per year from June 18, 2013;
- (6) Oscar Ornelas in the amount of \$306 plus 10 percent interest per year from June 28, 2013;
- (7) Julieanne DeCroce in the amount of \$1,800 plus 10 percent interest per year from May 22, 2013;
- (8) Julieanne DeCroce in the amount of \$306 plus 10 percent interest per year from May 22, 2013;
- (9) Damon Lewis in the amount of \$2,281 plus 10 percent interest per year from September 25, 2013;
- (10) Damon Lewis in the amount of \$281 plus 10 percent interest per year from September 25, 2013;
- (11) Ardis and Brenda Kemp in the amount of \$306 plus 10 percent interest per year from June 30, 2013;
- (12) Robert and Karen Westbrook in the amount of \$1,500 plus 10 percent interest per year from September 30, 2015;
- (13) Robert and Karen Westbrook in the amount of \$306 plus 10 percent interest per year from September 30, 2015;

Any restitution owed to the Client Security Fund is enforceable as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.5, subdivisions (c) and (d).

LORENE LYNN MIES must also comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of this order.