

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**S266606**      C091162 Third Appellate District      **PEOPLE v. STRONG  
(CHRISTOPHER)**

Extension of time granted

On application of appellant and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the response to amicus curiae brief is extended to December 16, 2021.

**S268437**      F080624 Fifth Appellate District      **IN RE D.N.**  
Extension of time granted

On application of respondent and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the answer brief on the merits is extended to December 22, 2021.

**S270248**      G059192 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3      **PEOPLE v. BARNETT, JR.,  
(MICHAEL)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S270407**      E074742 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 2      **PEOPLE v. PARKER (KERRY  
LUGENE)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S270490**      D078024 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1      **PEOPLE v. CARTER  
(LAZAIR DETERRO)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S270723** G059251 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3**PEOPLE v. REYES (ANDRES QUINONEZ)**

Counsel appointment order filed

Upon request of appellant for appointment of counsel, Richard A. Levy is hereby appointed to represent appellant on the appeal now pending in this court.

Appellant's brief on the merits must be served and filed on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

**S271780****BAR ADMISSION 2021 (JULY EXAM)**

General Bar admission order filed

The written motion # 1543 of the Committee of Bar Examiners that the following named applicants, who have fulfilled the requirements for admission to practice law in the State of California, be admitted as attorneys at law in all courts of the State of California upon their taking the prescribed oath before a competent officer on or after November 15, 2021, and within the time limits specified by Title 4, Division 1 of the Rules of the State Bar of California, is hereby granted:

(SEE ATTACHED LIST OF NAMES)

**S270462****MITCHELL ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that ROSSANA PILAR MITCHELL (Respondent), State Bar Number 210305, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first six months of probation;
2. Respondent must comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Decision filed on June 28, 2021; and
3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied, and that suspension will be terminated.

Respondent must provide to the State Bar's Office of Probation proof of taking and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as recommended by the Hearing Department in its Decision filed on June 28, 2021. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent 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.

Respondent must also maintain the records of compliance as required by the conditions of

probation.

Respondent must pay monetary sanctions to the State Bar of California Client Security Fund in the amount of \$2,500 in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.13 and rule 5.137 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. Monetary sanctions are enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

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, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

**S270464****STERNBERG ON  
DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that GERALD HOWARD STERNBERG (Respondent), State Bar Number 96110, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that Respondent's name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

Respondent must 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.

Respondent must pay monetary sanctions to the State Bar of California Client Security Fund in the amount of \$5,000 in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.13 and rule 5.137 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. Monetary sanctions are enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

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, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

**S270465****MIRELES ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that PATRICIA MIRELES (Respondent), State Bar Number 171342, is suspended from the practice of law in California for two years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first 90 days of probation; and
2. Respondent 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 July 16, 2021; and
3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied, and that suspension will be

terminated.

Respondent must provide to the State Bar's Office of Probation proof of taking and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as recommended by the Hearing Department in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on July 16, 2021. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent 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.

Respondent must also maintain the records of compliance as required by the conditions of probation.

Respondent must pay monetary sanctions to the State Bar of California Client Security Fund in the amount of \$1,500 in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.13 and rule 5.137 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. Monetary sanctions must be paid in installments of one-third per year, with Respondent's annual fees for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified in writing by the State Bar or the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately. Monetary sanctions are enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

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, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law. One-third of the costs must be paid with Respondent's annual fees for each of the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. If Respondent fails to pay any installment as described above, or as may be modified in writing by the State Bar or the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

**S270468****MELANCON ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that DONALD JOSEPH MELANCON (Respondent), State Bar Number 283347, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for three years subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first six months of probation;
2. Respondent 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 July 15, 2021; and
3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied, and that suspension will be terminated.

Respondent must provide to the State Bar's Office of Probation proof of taking and passing the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination as recommended by the Hearing Department in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on July 15, 2021. Failure to do so may result in

suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent 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.

Respondent must also maintain the records of compliance as required by the conditions of probation.

Respondent must pay monetary sanctions to the State Bar of California Client Security Fund in the amount of \$1,000 in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.13 and rule 5.137 of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar. Monetary sanctions are enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

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, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

**S270469****NELSON ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that BRUCE EDWARD NELSON (Respondent), State Bar Number 106119, is disbarred from the practice of law and that Respondent's name is stricken from the roll of attorneys.

Respondent must make restitution to the following payees or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court (or reimburse the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payees, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5). Reimbursement to the Fund is enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law:

- (1) James Keppler in the amount of \$11,318.40 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 18, 2016;
- (2) Stephanie Ang in the amount of \$7,431.60 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 18, 2016;
- (3) Jo-Ann Strong in the amount of \$5,444.44 plus 10 percent interest per year from March 20, 2018;
- (4) Allen Max Luger in the amount of \$7,856.50 plus 10 percent interest per year from January 6, 2017;
- (5) Allen Max Luger, as Trustee for the Berger Permanent Trust, in the amount of \$7,856.50 plus 10 percent interest per year from January 6, 2017; and
- (6) The Estate of Charles Martinez, in the amount of \$67,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 27, 2018.

Respondent 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, and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law.

**S271745**

**ANDERSON ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of WAYNE LEROY ANDERSON, State Bar Number 103279, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271748**

**BURBANK ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JEFFREY R. BURBANK, State Bar Number 105476, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271750**

**CHAN ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of MATHEW KIN MAN CHAN, State Bar Number 109271, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271752**

**HAGEN ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of DAVID WARNER HAGEN, State Bar Number 29845, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271753**

**LEATHERBY ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of RUSSELL ERNEST LEATHERBY, State Bar Number 88684, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271754**

**LEE ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of MARTIN RAYMOND LEE, State Bar Number 95608, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271755**

**MULLEN ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of THOMAS JOSEPH MULLEN, State Bar Number 126898, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271759**

**SCHMIT III ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of LUCIEN ALEXANDER SCHMIT III, State Bar Number 116151, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271760**

**TAMMANY ON  
RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of TERESA REZNOR TAMMANY, State Bar Number 97879, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.

**S271761**

**WU ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of REBECCA A. WU, State Bar Number 282776, as an attorney of the State Bar of California is accepted.