## SUPREME COURT MINUTES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

#### S235694

Extension of time granted

On application of petitioner and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the reply to the informal response is extended to November 16, 2016.

#### S237193

## THOMAS, SR., (ALDEN A.) v. SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA (PEOPLE)

RASMUSSEN ON DISCIPLINE

**BENNETT (STEPHEN) ON** 

H.C.

Extension of time granted

On application of petitioner and good cause appearing, it is ordered that the time to serve and file the reply to the preliminary opposition is extended to November 28, 2016.

## S236722

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that ERIC RAYMOND RASMUSSEN, State Bar Number 289003, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

- 1. ERIC RAYMOND RASMUSSEN must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on June 15, 2016; and
- 2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if ERIC RAYMOND RASMUSSEN has complied with the terms of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

ERIC RAYMOND RASMUSSEN 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-third of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019. If ERIC RAYMOND RASMUSSEN 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.

# S236724

#### Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL, State Bar Number 48634, is suspended from the practice of law in California for four years, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and he is placed on probation for four years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL is suspended from the practice of law for the first three years of probation and he will remain suspended until he provides proof to the State Bar Court of his rehabilitation, fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the general law. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)
- 2. VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on June 20, 2016; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL has complied with the terms of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL 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 2017, 2018, and 2019. If VERNE CRAIG SCHOLL 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.

## S236725

# STEVENS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS, State Bar Number 225940, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and she is placed on probation for one year subject to the following conditions:

- 1. TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS is suspended from the practice of law for the first 30 days of probation;
- 2. TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS 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 June 14, 2016; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS 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.

SCHOLL ON DISCIPLINE

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 her membership fees for each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019. If TIFFANY CARRIE STEVENS 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.

## S236726

#### SWEET ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that PHILLIPS RANTA SWEET, State Bar Number 171811, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

- 1. PHILLIPS RANTA SWEET must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on June 14, 2016; and
- 2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if PHILLIPS RANTA SWEET has complied with the terms of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

PHILLIPS RANTA SWEET 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-third of the costs must be paid with his membership fees for each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019. If PHILLIPS RANTA SWEET 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.

## S236731

## WORDEN ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN, State Bar Number 211104, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and she is placed on probation for two years subject to the following conditions:

- 1. ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN is suspended from the practice of law for the first 60 days of probation;
- 2. ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN 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 June 24, 2016; and
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN has

complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN 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 her membership fees for each of the years 2017 and 2018 . If ALLISON CHRISTINE WORDEN 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.

#### S236735

## **PFLUG ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that ANDREA JEAN PFLUG, State Bar Number 94643, is suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, execution of that period of suspension is stayed, and she is placed on probation for one year subject to the following conditions:

- 1. ANDREA JEAN PFLUG must comply with the conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Order Approving Stipulation filed on June 14, 2016; and
- 2. At the expiration of the period of probation, if ANDREA JEAN PFLUG has complied with the terms of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

ANDREA JEAN PFLUG 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. Costs are to be paid with ANDREA JEAN PFLUG's membership fees for the year 2017. If she fails to pay costs as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the costs are due and payable immediately.

## S236744

## SIMS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that HERCHEL McCOY SIMS, State Bar Number 154185, 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. HERCHEL McCOY SIMS is suspended from the practice of law for the first six months of probation;
- 2. HERCHEL McCOY SIMS 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 June 13, 2016; and

3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if HERCHEL McCOY SIMS has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

HERCHEL McCOY SIMS 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 2018, 2019, and 2020. If HERCHEL McCOY SIMS 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.

#### S236748

# WIESENTHAL ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL, State Bar Number 185340, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

- 1. MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first 60 days of probation.
- 2. MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Amended Order Approving Stipulation filed on June 15, 2016.
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL 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 2018, 2019, and 2020. If MARK ALAN WIESENTHAL 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.

## S236749

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that DAVID ANTHONY HARPER, State Bar Number 112993, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys. DAVID ANTHONY HARPER 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.

# S236750

# PACHECO ON DISCIPLINE

HARPER ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO, State Bar Number 91903, 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. EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first 90 days of probation, and he will remain suspended until the following conditions are satisfied:
  - i. He makes restitution to Laura Nunez in the amount of \$1,700 plus 10 percent interest per year from October 24, 2014 (or reimburses the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the Fund to Laura Nunez, in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6140.5) and furnishes satisfactory proof to the State Bar's Office of Probation in Los Angeles; and
  - 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 present learning and ability in the general law before his suspension will be terminated. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, tit. IV, Stds. for Atty. Sanctions for Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)
- 2. EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO 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 June 17, 2016.
- 3. At the expiration of the period of probation, if EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO has complied with all conditions of probation, the period of stayed suspension will be satisfied and that suspension will be terminated.

EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO must also take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year after the effective date of this order, or during the period of his suspension, whichever is longer 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).)

EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO 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

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#### 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 2017, 2018, and 2019. If EDWARD WILLIAM PACHECO 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.

## S234644

## CARRUTHERS ON RESIGNATION

Resignation accepted with disciplinary proceeding pending

The voluntary resignation with charges pending of CHRISTOPHER WAYNE CARRUTHERS, State Bar Number 263083, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted. If CHRISTOPHER WAYNE CARRUTHERS subsequently seeks reinstatement, the State Bar may consider all disciplinary charges that are currently pending against him.

CHRISTOPHER WAYNE CARRUTHERS must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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 be considered in any future reinstatement proceeding.

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.

## S237695

#### Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JAMES MILNER ADDAMS, State Bar Number 75650, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

JAMES MILNER ADDAMS must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

## S237697

# **DOBBIN ON RESIGNATION**

ADDAMS ON RESIGNATION

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JAMES JOHN DOBBIN, State Bar Number 65652, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

JAMES JOHN DOBBIN must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

## S237715

#### DRUCKER ON RESIGNATION

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of CECILY ANNE DRUCKER, State Bar Number 60998, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

CECILY ANNE DRUCKER must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

#### S237716

#### **HSU ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of MICHAEL LAP-PING HSU, State Bar Number 125644, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

MICHAEL LAP-PING HSU must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

#### S237717

# LICKER ON RESIGNATION

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of DONALD JAY LICKER, State Bar Number 26552, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

DONALD JAY LICKER must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

#### S237719

# RONDEAU ON RESIGNATION

**ROSS ON RESIGNATION** 

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of PATRICIA ANNE RONDEAU, State Bar Number 157992, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

PATRICIA ANNE RONDEAU must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

#### S237721

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of DAVID R. ROSS, State Bar Number 49737, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

DAVID R. ROSS must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

#### S237722

# **RYAN ON RESIGNATION**

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JEANNE MENDELSOHN RYAN, State Bar Number 176032, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

JEANNE MENDELSOHN RYAN must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

## S237723

# STELLA ON RESIGNATION

Voluntary resignation accepted

The court orders that the voluntary resignation of JOHN B STELLA, State Bar Number 46002, as a member of the State Bar of California is accepted.

JOHN B STELLA must also comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.