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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

IN RE:

Case No.: ADC13-004

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

JEFFREY A. CANCELLA, Respondent.

This matter comes before the court upon the Stipulated Entry of Order of Reciprocal Discipline entered into between Respondent Jeffrey A. Cancilla, appearing pro se, and the Guam Bar Association Ethic Committee (GBEC) in GBEC Ethics Case No. EC11-026. This court has the authority to review and modify such orders of the GBEC pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Supreme Court of Guam Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys ("Rules of Discipline"). Therefore, in accordance with Rule 16(d) and pursuant to Rule 2 of the Rules of Discipline, the court hereby enters the instant order.

Respondent is currently an inactive member of the Guam Bar Association who resides and practices law in California. Respondent was disciplined for attorney misconduct in California by the State Bar Court of California on January 6, 2011. Respondent's discipline came to the attention of the Guam Bar Association's ("GBA") ethics prosecutor and the Guam Bar Ethics Committee investigative panel ("GBEC IP").

Rule 16(a) of the Rules of Discipline provides the procedures by which the GBEC IP may pursue reciprocal discipline in Guam regarding discipline a Guam Bar member has been

1 subject to in another jurisdiction. The GBEC and Respondent executed a Stipulated Entry of  
2 Order of Reciprocal Discipline, attached hereto as "Attachment 1," wherein Respondent  
3 expressly waived the order to show cause hearing before the GBEC IP that he would generally  
4 be entitled to pursuant to Rule 16(a).

5 Respondent and the GBEC stipulated that an order of reciprocal discipline issue from the  
6 GBEC disciplining Respondent based upon the discipline he received in California and that such  
7 order be submitted to the Supreme Court of Guam for its consideration and action. Further,  
8 Respondent expressly waived notice from the Supreme Court upon its receipt of the GBEC's  
9 Stipulated Entry of Order of Reciprocal Discipline, and waived any right he may have to file a  
10 statement with the Supreme Court objecting to or challenging such order. Attached as Exhibit  
11 "A" to the GBEC's Stipulated Entry of Reciprocal Discipline is a copy of the January 6, 2011  
12 Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law and Disposition and Order Approving Actual  
13 Discipline issued by the State Bar Court of California, evidencing that Respondent, among other  
14 things, was ordered suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, with all but 90  
15 days stayed, and placed on probation for two (2) years.

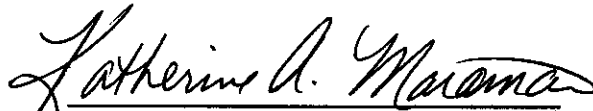
17 The GBEC issued an order of discipline in Guam pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Rules of  
18 Discipline suspending Respondent from the practice of law in Guam for a period of no less than  
19 ninety (90) days. The court hereby adopts this discipline entered by the GBEC, and suspends  
20 Respondent from the practice of law in Guam for no less than ninety (90) days.

22 Further, Rule 12(d) requires that any suspension entered by the Supreme Court shall be  
23 published and disseminated through the same channels as are the appellate opinions of the  
24 Supreme Court of Guam, and that the GBEC shall also publish news of such discipline through  
25 at least one local newspaper. The respondent attorney is required pay the costs associated with

1 such publication. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 12(d), the court hereby orders Respondent to  
2 reimburse the GBA for any costs associated with such publication. Further, in accordance with  
3 Rule 20(b)(2), Respondent must petition the Supreme Court of Guam for an order allowing his  
4 reinstatement to the practice of law in Guam before he may again actively practice law in Guam.  
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6 SO ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.  
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11 **ROBERT J. TORRES**  
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11 **KATHERINE A. MARAMAN**  
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"Attachment 1"

Office of the GBA Ethics Prosecutor  
Judicial Center Building, Second Floor  
Hagatna, Guam 96910

**BEFORE THE GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION'S COMMITTEE ON  
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND THE UNAUTHORIZED  
PRACTICE OF LAW**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	<b>GBEC Ethics Case No. EC11-026</b>
	)	
<b>JEFFREY A. CANCELLA,</b>	)	
	)	<b>STIPULATED ENTRY OF</b>
	)	<b>ORDER OF RECIPROCAL</b>
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	<b>DISCIPLINE</b>
	)	

Respondent herein, appearing *pro se*, is currently an inactive member of the Guam Bar Association who resides and practices law in California. Respondent was disciplined for attorney misconduct in California by the State Bar Court of California on January 6, 2011. Respondent's discipline came to the attention of the Guam Bar Association's ("GBA") undersigned ethics prosecutor and the Guam Bar Association's investigative panel ("GBEC IP").

Rule 16(a) of the Supreme Court of Guam's Rules for the Discipline of Attorneys ("Rules of Discipline") provides the procedures by which the GBEC IP may pursue reciprocal discipline in Guam regarding discipline a Guam Bar member has been subject to in another jurisdiction. By this stipulation, Respondent herein expressly waives the order to show cause hearing before the GBEC IP he would generally be entitled to pursuant to Rule 16(a).

The parties hereto stipulate that an order of reciprocal discipline issue from the GBEC IP disciplining Respondent based upon the discipline he received in California and that such order be submitted to the Supreme Court of Guam for its consideration and action. Further, Respondent expressly waives notice from the Supreme Court upon its receipt of the present order, and waives any

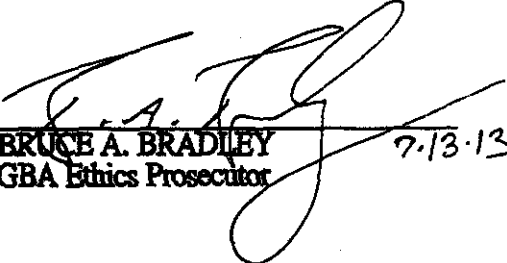
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right he may have to file a statement with the Supreme Court objecting to or challenging this order. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of the January 6, 2011 Stipulation Re Facts, Conclusions of Law and Disposition and Order Approving Actual Discipline issued by the State Bar Court of California. Therein, among other things, Respondent was ordered suspended from the practice of law in California for one year, with all but 90 days stayed, and placed on probation for two (2) years.

Respondent is inactive in Guam, and has been for several years. Based on the findings of misconduct in California, the GBEC IP hereby enters an order of discipline on Guam pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Rules of Discipline suspending Respondent from the practice of law on Guam for a period of no less than ninety (90) days. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that such discipline triggers the applicability of Rule 20(b)(2), which requires Respondent to petition the Supreme Court of Guam for an order allowing his reinstatement to the practice of law on Guam before he could again actively practice law on Guam.

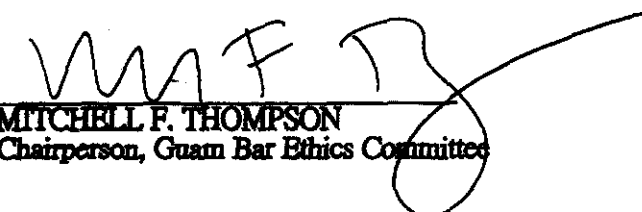
It is further stipulated, agreed and understood by the parties hereto that this order of discipline is subject to review and modification by the Supreme Court of Guam, pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Rules of Discipline.

**AGREED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

  
BRUCE A. BRADLEY  
GBA Ethics Prosecutor 7.13.13

  
JEFFREY A. CANCELLA  
Respondent, Appearing Pro Se

**AGREED, CONCURRED, & RECOMMENDED:**

  
MITCHELL F. THOMPSON  
Chairperson, Guam Bar Ethics Committee

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**State Bar Court of California  
Hearing Department  
Los Angeles**

**ORIGINAL**

<p><b>Counsel For The State Bar</b></p> <p>Suzan J. Anderson Supervising Trial Counsel 1149 South Hill Street Los Angeles, California 90015 (213) 765-1209</p> <p>Bar # 160559</p>	<p>Case Number (s)</p> <p>09-O-13082, 09-O-13176, 09-O-18329, 10-O-01257, 10-O-04157, 10-O-05784, 10-O-05892, 10-O-06528, 10-O-06585,</p>	<p>(for Court's use)</p> <p><b>PUBLIC MATTER</b></p> <p><b>FILED</b></p> <p><b>JAN 06 2011</b></p> <p>STATE BAR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE LOS ANGELES</p>
<p><b>In Pro Per Respondent</b></p> <p>Jeffrey Allen Cancilla 1748 West Katella Avenue Suite 112 Orange, California 92867 (714) 532-2577</p> <p>Bar # 235428</p>	<p>Submitted to: <b>Assigned Judge</b></p> <p><b>STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING</b></p> <p><b>ACTUAL SUSPENSION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PREVIOUS STIPULATION REJECTED</b></p>	
<p><b>In the Matter Of:</b> <b>JEFFREY ALLEN CANCELLA</b></p> <p>Bar # 235428</p> <p>A Member of the State Bar of California (Respondent)</p>		

**Note: All information required by this form and any additional information which cannot be provided in the space provided, must be set forth in an attachment to this stipulation under specific headings, e.g., "Facts," "Dismissals," "Conclusions of Law," "Supporting Authority," etc.**

**A. Parties' Acknowledgments:**

- (1) Respondent is a member of the State Bar of California, admitted January 10, 2005.
- (2) The parties agree to be bound by the factual stipulations contained herein even if conclusions of law or disposition are rejected or changed by the Supreme Court.
- (3) All investigations or proceedings listed by case number in the caption of this stipulation are entirely resolved by this stipulation and are deemed consolidated. Dismissed charge(s)/count(s) are listed under "Dismissals." The stipulation consists of 14 pages, not including the order.
- (4) A statement of acts or omissions acknowledged by Respondent as cause or causes for discipline is included under "Facts."
- (5) Conclusions of law, drawn from and specifically referring to the facts are also included under "Conclusions of Law".

(Stipulation form approved by SBC Executive Committee 10/16/00. Revised 12/16/2004; 12/13/2006.)

Actual Suspension



**Exhibit A**

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- (6) The parties must include supporting authority for the recommended level of discipline under the heading "Supporting Authority."
- (7) No more than 30 days prior to the filing of this stipulation, Respondent has been advised in writing of any pending investigation/proceeding not resolved by this stipulation, except for criminal investigations.
- (8) Payment of Disciplinary Costs—Respondent acknowledges the provisions of Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086.10 & 6140.7. (Check one option only):
  - until costs are paid in full, Respondent will remain actually suspended from the practice of law unless relief is obtained per rule 284, Rules of Procedure.
  - costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following membership years: Costs to be paid in equal amounts prior to February 1 for the following two billing cycles following the effective date of the Supreme Court order.  
(hardship, special circumstances or other good cause per rule 284, Rules of Procedure)
  - costs waived in part as set forth in a separate attachment entitled "Partial Waiver of Costs"
  - costs entirely waived

**B. Aggravating Circumstances [for definition, see Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct, standard 1.2(b)]. Facts supporting aggravating circumstances are required.**

- (1)  Prior record of discipline [see standard 1.2(f)]
  - (a)  State Bar Court case # of prior case
  - (b)  Date prior discipline effective
  - (c)  Rules of Professional Conduct/ State Bar Act violations:
  - (d)  Degree of prior discipline
  - (e)  If Respondent has two or more incidents of prior discipline, use space provided below.
- (2)  Dishonesty: Respondent's misconduct was surrounded by or followed by bad faith, dishonesty, concealment, overreaching or other violations of the State Bar Act or Rules of Professional Conduct.
- (3)  Trust Violation: Trust funds or property were involved and Respondent refused or was unable to account to the client or person who was the object of the misconduct for improper conduct toward said funds or property.
- (4)  Harm: Respondent's misconduct harmed significantly a client, the public or the administration of justice. Please see attachment
- (5)  Indifference: Respondent demonstrated indifference toward rectification of or atonement for the consequences of his or her misconduct.
- (6)  Lack of Cooperation: Respondent displayed a lack of candor and cooperation to victims of his/her misconduct or to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation or proceedings.

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- (7)  **Multiple/Pattern of Misconduct:** Respondent's current misconduct evidences multiple acts of wrongdoing or demonstrates a pattern of misconduct.
- (8)  **No aggravating circumstances are involved.**

**Additional aggravating circumstances:**

**C. Mitigating Circumstances [see standard 1.2(e)]. Facts supporting mitigating circumstances are required.**

- (1)  **No Prior Discipline:** Respondent has no prior record of discipline over many years of practice coupled with present misconduct which is not deemed serious.
- (2)  **No Harm:** Respondent did not harm the client or person who was the object of the misconduct.
- (3)  **Candor/Cooperation:** Respondent displayed spontaneous candor and cooperation with the victims of his/her misconduct and to the State Bar during disciplinary investigation and proceedings.
- (4)  **Remorse:** Respondent promptly took objective steps spontaneously demonstrating remorse and recognition of the wrongdoing, which steps were designed to timely atone for any consequences of his/her misconduct.
- (5)  **Restitution:** Respondent paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in restitution to \_\_\_\_\_ without the threat or force of disciplinary, civil or criminal proceedings.
- (6)  **Delay:** These disciplinary proceedings were excessively delayed. The delay is not attributable to Respondent and the delay prejudiced him/her.
- (7)  **Good Faith:** Respondent acted in good faith.
- (8)  **Emotional/Physical Difficulties:** At the time of the stipulated act or acts of professional misconduct Respondent suffered extreme emotional difficulties or physical disabilities which expert testimony would establish was directly responsible for the misconduct. The difficulties or disabilities were not the product of any illegal conduct by the member, such as illegal drug or substance abuse, and Respondent no longer suffers from such difficulties or disabilities.
- (9)  **Severe Financial Stress:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered from severe financial stress which resulted from circumstances not reasonably foreseeable or which were beyond his/her control and which were directly responsible for the misconduct.
- (10)  **Family Problems:** At the time of the misconduct, Respondent suffered extreme difficulties in his/her personal life which were other than emotional or physical in nature.
- (11)  **Good Character:** Respondent's good character is attested to by a wide range of references in the legal and general communities who are aware of the full extent of his/her misconduct.
- (12)  **Rehabilitation:** Considerable time has passed since the acts of professional misconduct occurred followed by convincing proof of subsequent rehabilitation.
- (13)  **No mitigating circumstances are involved.**

**Additional mitigating circumstances**

(Stipulation form approved by SBC Executive Committee 10/16/00. Revised 12/16/2004; 12/13/2006.)

Actual Suspension



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Please see Attachment, page 13.

**D. Discipline:**

(1)  **Stayed Suspension:**

(a)  Respondent must be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year.

i.  and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii) Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.

ii.  and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.

iii.  and until Respondent does the following:

(b)  The above-referenced suspension is stayed.

(2)  **Probation:**

Respondent must be placed on probation for a period of two years, which will commence upon the effective date of the Supreme Court order in this matter. (See rule 9.18, California Rules of Court)

(3)  **Actual Suspension:**

(a)  Respondent must be actually suspended from the practice of law in the State of California for a period of ninety days.

i.  and until Respondent shows proof satisfactory to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation and present fitness to practice and present learning and ability in the law pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct

ii.  and until Respondent pays restitution as set forth in the Financial Conditions form attached to this stipulation.

iii.  and until Respondent does the following:

**E. Additional Conditions of Probation:**

(1)  If Respondent is actually suspended for two years or more, he/she must remain actually suspended until he/she proves to the State Bar Court his/her rehabilitation, fitness to practice, and learning and ability in general law, pursuant to standard 1.4(c)(ii), Standards for Attorney Sanctions for Professional Misconduct.

(2)  During the probation period, Respondent must comply with the provisions of the State Bar Act and Rules of Professional Conduct.

(3)  Within ten (10) days of any change, Respondent must report to the Membership Records Office of the State Bar and to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California ("Office of Probation"), all changes of information, including current office address and telephone number, or other address for State Bar purposes, as prescribed by section 6002.1 of the Business and Professions Code.

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- (4)  Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of discipline, Respondent must contact the Office of Probation and schedule a meeting with Respondent's assigned probation deputy to discuss these terms and conditions of probation. Upon the direction of the Office of Probation, Respondent must meet with the probation deputy either in-person or by telephone. During the period of probation, Respondent must promptly meet with the probation deputy as directed and upon request.
- (5)  Respondent must submit written quarterly reports to the Office of Probation on each January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of the period of probation. Under penalty of perjury, Respondent must state whether Respondent has complied with the State Bar Act, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and all conditions of probation during the preceding calendar quarter. Respondent must also state whether there are any proceedings pending against him or her in the State Bar Court and if so, the case number and current status of that proceeding. If the first report would cover less than 30 days, that report must be submitted on the next quarter date, and cover the extended period.

In addition to all quarterly reports, a final report, containing the same information, is due no earlier than twenty (20) days before the last day of the period of probation and no later than the last day of probation.

- (6)  Respondent must be assigned a probation monitor. Respondent must promptly review the terms and conditions of probation with the probation monitor to establish a manner and schedule of compliance. During the period of probation, Respondent must furnish to the monitor such reports as may be requested, in addition to the quarterly reports required to be submitted to the Office of Probation. Respondent must cooperate fully with the probation monitor.
- (7)  Subject to assertion of applicable privileges, Respondent must answer fully, promptly and truthfully any inquiries of the Office of Probation and any probation monitor assigned under these conditions which are directed to Respondent personally or in writing relating to whether Respondent is complying or has complied with the probation conditions.
- (8)  Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must provide to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.
- No Ethics School recommended. Reason:
- (9)  Respondent must comply with all conditions of probation imposed in the underlying criminal matter and must so declare under penalty of perjury in conjunction with any quarterly report to be filed with the Office of Probation.
- (10)  The following conditions are attached hereto and incorporated:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Conditions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management Conditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Conditions             |

#### F. Other Conditions Negotiated by the Parties:

- (1)  **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination:** Respondent must provide proof of passage of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"), administered by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, to the Office of Probation during the period of actual suspension or within one year, whichever period is longer. Failure to pass the MPRE results in actual suspension without further hearing until passage. But see rule 9.10(b), California Rules of Court, and rule 321(a)(1) & (c), Rules of Procedure.
- No MPRE recommended. Reason:

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- (2)  **Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** Respondent must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, 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 the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (3)  **Conditional Rule 9.20, California Rules of Court:** If Respondent remains actually suspended for 90 days or more, he/she must comply with the requirements of rule 9.20, California Rules of Court, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 120 and 130 calendar days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's Order in this matter.
- (4)  **Credit for Interim Suspension [conviction referral cases only]:** Respondent will be credited for the period of his/her interim suspension toward the stipulated period of actual suspension. Date of commencement of interim suspension:
- (5)  **Other Conditions: COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
Respondent has agreed to cooperate fully with any law enforcement agency in any investigation or prosecution regarding any person involved in any manner with Solutions Law Center, Solutions Center and Legal Loan Bailout. In cooperating with any law enforcement agency in any such investigation or prosecution, Respondent agrees to testify truthfully if requested at any related deposition or trial.

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**Attachment language begins here (if any):  
Please see Attachment, pages 11 through 13.**

<b>In the Matter of</b> <b>JEFFREY ALLEN CANCELLA,</b> <b>235428</b>	<b>Case number(s):</b> <b>09-O-13082, et al.</b>
<b>A Member of the State Bar</b>	

**Financial Conditions**

**a. Restitution**

- Respondent must pay restitution (including the principal amount, plus interest of 10% per annum) to the payee(s) listed below. If the Client Security Fund ("CSF") has reimbursed one or more of the payee(s) for all or any portion of the principal amount(s) listed below, Respondent must also pay restitution to CSF in the amount(s) paid, plus applicable interest and costs.

Payee	Principal Amount	Interest Accrues From

- Respondent must pay above-referenced restitution and provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation not later than

**b. Installment Restitution Payments**

- Respondent must pay the above-referenced restitution on the payment schedule set forth below. Respondent must provide satisfactory proof of payment to the Office of Probation with each quarterly probation report, or as otherwise directed by the Office of Probation. No later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the period of probation (or period of revocation), Respondent must make any necessary final payment(s) in order to complete the payment of restitution, including interest, in full.

Payee/CSF (as applicable)	Minimum Payment Amount	Payment Frequency

**c. Client Funds Certificate**

1. If Respondent possesses client funds at any time during the period covered by a required quarterly report, Respondent must file with each required report a certificate from Respondent and/or a certified public accountant or other financial professional approved by the Office of Probation, certifying that:
- a. Respondent has maintained a bank account in a bank authorized to do business in the State of California, at a branch located within the State of California, and that such account is designated as a "Trust Account" or "Clients' Funds Account";

b. Respondent has kept and maintained the following:

- i. A written ledger for each client on whose behalf funds are held that sets forth:
  1. the name of such client;
  2. the date, amount and source of all funds received on behalf of such client;
  3. the date, amount, payee and purpose of each disbursement made on behalf of such client; and,
  4. the current balance for such client.
- ii. a written journal for each client trust fund account that sets forth:
  1. the name of such account;
  2. the date, amount and client affected by each debit and credit; and,
  3. the current balance in such account.
- iii. all bank statements and cancelled checks for each client trust account; and,
- iv. each monthly reconciliation (balancing) of (i), (ii), and (iii) above, and if there are any differences between the monthly total balances reflected in (i), (ii), and (iii), above, the reasons for the differences.

c. Respondent has maintained a written journal of securities or other properties held for clients that specifies:

- i. each item of security and property held;
- ii. the person on whose behalf the security or property is held;
- iii. the date of receipt of the security or property;
- iv. the date of distribution of the security or property; and,
- v. the person to whom the security or property was distributed.

2. If Respondent does not possess any client funds, property or securities during the entire period covered by a report, Respondent must so state under penalty of perjury in the report filed with the Office of Probation for that reporting period. In this circumstance, Respondent need not file the accountant's certificate described above.
3. The requirements of this condition are in addition to those set forth in rule 4-100, Rules of Professional Conduct.

d. Client Trust Accounting School

- Within one (1) year of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must supply to the Office of Probation satisfactory proof of attendance at a session of the Ethics School Client Trust Accounting School, within the same period of time, and passage of the test given at the end of that session.

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 235428

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### Law Office Management Conditions

- a.  Within        days/        months/        years of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must develop a law office management/organization plan, which must be approved by the Office of Probation. This plan must include procedures to (1) send periodic reports to clients; (2) document telephone messages received and sent; (3) maintain files; (4) meet deadlines; (5) withdraw as attorney, whether of record or not, when clients cannot be contacted or located; (6) train and supervise support personnel; and (7) address any subject area or deficiency that caused or contributed to Respondent's misconduct in the current proceeding.
- b.  Within        days/six months/        years of the effective date of the discipline herein, Respondent must submit to the Office of Probation satisfactory evidence of completion of no less than six hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) approved courses in law office management, attorney client relations and/or general legal ethics. This requirement is separate from any MCLE requirement, and Respondent will not receive MCLE credit for attending these courses (Rule 3201, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar.)
- c.  Within 30 days of the effective date of the discipline, Respondent must join the Law Practice Management and Technology Section of the State Bar of California and pay the dues and costs of enrollment for        year(s). Respondent must furnish satisfactory evidence of membership in the section to the Office of Probation of the State Bar of California in the first report required.

**ATTACHMENT TO**  
**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION**

IN THE MATTER OF: JEFFREY ALLEN CANCELLA

CASE NUMBER(S): ET AL. 09-O-13082, 09-O-13176, 09-O-18329, 10-O-01257,  
10-O-04157, 10-O-05784, 10-O-05892, 10-O-06528,  
10-O-06585

**FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

Respondent admits that the following facts are true and that he is culpable of violations of the specified statutes and/or Rules of Professional Conduct.

*PC* *4\**  
*dba SOLUTIONS Law Group ("SLG")*

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. In late 2008, Respondent entered into agreements with several loan modification companies: California Legal Assistants; Solutions Law Group; Legal Loan Audits; Solutions Processing and YMS *PC* *4\** dba SLG ("Loan Modification Companies"). Respondent effectively partnered with the Loan Modification Companies and they would perform much of the loan modification work for the clients which hired Respondent. At all times herein, Respondent also operated his own law office, the Law Office of Jeffrey A. CancellA. The Loan Modification Companies were owned and operated by non-attorneys. The Loan Modification Companies conducted all the advertising for loan modification clients which then referred the clients to Respondent's law office. Respondent would collect the legal fees, deposit them into his account and then pay the loan modification companies a portion of the legal fees.

2. Respondent was employed by the following clients through the Loan Modification Companies to represent them in order to negotiate with their home mortgage lender and obtain a modification of their home mortgage loans:

Case Number	Client	Date Client Employed Respondent	Company through which Client employed Respondent
09-O-13082	Jaime and Reina Delfin	December 1, 2008	California Legal Assistants
09-O-13176	Francisco Delgadillo	January 21, 2009	Solutions Law Group <i>PC</i> <i>4*</i>
09-O-18329	Laura Edmiston	January 14, 2009	Solutions Law Group <i>PC</i> <i>4*</i>
10-O-01257	Linda Duncan	December 30, 2008	Legal Loan Audits dba SLG
10-O-04157	Wesley Bowman	February 18, 2009	Solutions Group
10-O-05784	Sandra Ayad	September 3, 2009	California Legal Assistants <i>PC</i> <i>4*</i>
10-O-05892	Pablo and Sandra Varela	December 2008	YMS dba SLG <i>PC</i> <i>4*</i>
10-O-06528	James Russell	February 2009	Solutions Processing
10-O-06585	Annie Garwood	February 2009	Solutions Processing



3. In March 2009, Mr. Delgadillo (09-O-13176) received a letter from Solutions Law Group informing him that his attorney would be changed from Respondent to another attorney.

4. On May 28, 2009, Ms. Edmiston (09-O-18329) received a facsimile from another attorney informing her that he would be her attorney instead of Respondent for her loan modification through Solutions Law Group.

5. On February 12, 2010, Ms. Ayad (10-O-05784) paid \$1000 of her advanced legal fees and on February 13, 2010, Ms. Ayad paid \$1500 of her advanced legal fees for her loan modification services by Respondent.

6. In May 2009, Mr. Russell (10-O-06528) was informed by Solutions Processing that his attorney would be changed from Respondent to another attorney.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By entering into agreements with the Loan Modification Companies to perform much of the loan modification work for the clients who hired Respondent through the Loan Modification Companies, Respondent formed a partnership where some of the activities of the partnership consisted of the practice of law, with a person who is not a lawyer, in willful violation of rule 1-310 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By paying the Loan Modification Companies from a portion of the legal fees he collected from each of the clients, Respondent shared legal fees with a person who is not a lawyer, in willful violation of rule 1-320(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By not informing Mr. Delgadillo, Ms. Edmiston, and Mr. Russell that he would no longer be their attorney on their loan modification matters, Respondent withdrew from employment without taking reasonable steps to avoid reasonably foreseeable prejudice to the rights of his clients in willful violation of rule 3-700(A)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

By collecting advance fees from Ms. Ayad after the passage of Civil Code section 2944.7, Respondent willfully violated section 6068(a) of the Business and Professions Code by failing to uphold the laws of California.

### **PENDING PROCEEDINGS.**

The disclosure date referred to, on page 2, paragraph A(7), was December 8, 2010.

### **COSTS OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.**

Respondent acknowledges that the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel has informed respondent that as of December 8, 2010, the estimated prosecution costs in this matter are \$6935. Respondent further acknowledges that should this stipulation be rejected or should relief from the stipulation be granted, the costs in this matter may increase due to the cost of further proceedings.

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### **MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

Respondent has no prior record of discipline.

Respondent has displayed candor and cooperation with the State Bar throughout these matters and by entering into this Stipulation including the cooperation agreement.

Respondent fully recognizes his wrongdoing and is no longer involved with any of the Loan Modification Companies.

### **AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

Respondents clients were harmed by the above described misconduct, in not having Respondent perform all the loan modification services which were performed by the Loan Modification Companies, and in not knowing who their attorney would be at a given time.

### **AUTHORITIES SUPPORTING DISCIPLINE**

#### **Standards**

Standard 1.3 provides that the primary purposes of attorney discipline are, "the protection of the public, the courts and the legal profession; the maintenance of high legal professional standards by attorneys and the preservation of public confidence in the legal profession."

Standard 2.6 provides that suspension or disbarment is appropriate for a violation of section 6068 depending on the gravity of the offense or the harm, if any, to the victim.

Standard 2.10 provides that any violation of the Business and Professions Code and the Rules of Professional Conduct not specified in these standards shall result in reproof or suspension according to the gravity of the offense or the harm, if any, to the victim.

The parties submit that the stipulated discipline in this matter complies with the Standards both specifically and with regard to the general purposes and goals of the disciplinary process.

Given the aggravating and mitigating circumstances present in this case, a ninety day suspension, along with the probationary conditions set forth herein, is consistent with the Standards.

Finally, the parties submit that given Respondent's recognition of wrongdoing, along with his conduct in attempting to rectify the harm, the stipulated discipline and probationary conditions in this matter are sufficient to assure that Respondent will conform his future conduct to ethical standards and, therefore, protect the public, courts and profession. This is consistent with Standard 1.3.

### **STATE BAR ETHICS AND CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT SCHOOLS**

Because Respondent has agreed to attend State Bar Ethics School and State Bar Client Trust Account School as part of this stipulation, Respondent may receive Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit upon the satisfactory completion of State Bar Ethics School and State Bar Client Trust Account School.

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**SIGNATURE OF THE PARTIES**

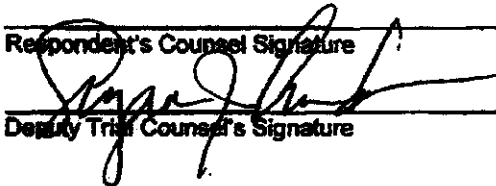
By their signatures below, the parties and their counsel, as applicable, signify their agreement with each of the recitations and each of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation Re Fact, Conclusions of Law and Disposition.

12/13/10  
Date

  
Respondent's Signature

JEFFREY ALLEN CANGILLA  
Print Name

12/17/10  
Date

  
Deputy Trial Counsel's Signature

SUZAN J. ANDERSON  
Print Name

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**ORDER**

Finding the stipulation to be fair to the parties and that it adequately protects the public, **IT IS ORDERED** that the requested dismissal of counts/charges, if any, is **GRANTED** without prejudice, and:

- The stipulated facts and disposition are **APPROVED** and the **DISCIPLINE RECOMMENDED** to the Supreme Court.
- The stipulated facts and disposition are **APPROVED AS MODIFIED** as set forth below, and the **DISCIPLINE IS RECOMMENDED** to the Supreme Court.
- All Hearing dates are vacated.

The parties are bound by the stipulation as approved unless: 1) a motion to withdraw or modify the stipulation, filed within 15 days after service of this order, is granted; or 2) this court modifies or further modifies the approved stipulation. (See rule 135(b), Rules of Procedure.) **The effective date of this disposition is the effective date of the Supreme Court order herein, normally 30 days after file date. (See rule 8.18(a), California Rules of Court.)**

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Date
Judge of the State Bar Court

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator 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 January 6, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**STIPULATION RE FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISPOSITION AND ORDER APPROVING**

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

JEFFREY A CANCELLA ESQ  
LAW OFFICE OF JEFFREY A. CANCELLA  
1748 W KATELLA AVE STE 112  
ORANGE, CA 92867

- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Suzan J. Anderson, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on January 6, 2011.

  
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Julieta E. Gonzales  
Case Administrator  
State Bar Court