

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**S275132**      A165104 First Appellate District, Div. 5      **MENDOCINO RAILWAY v.  
S.C. (CITY OF FORT BRAGG)**

Petition for review & application for stay denied

**S273996**      H049218 Sixth Appellate District      **PEOPLE v. PERELES (EDDY  
JAY)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S274079**      G059900 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 3      **PEOPLE v. AYALA (OIRAM  
ROMAN)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S274250**      D078320 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1      **PEOPLE v. SMITH  
(MARQUELL DION)**

Counsel appointment order filed

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

**S275098**      **TALLEY (ALONZO  
TREVON) v. S.C. (PEOPLE)**

Transferred to Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District

The above-entitled matter is transferred to the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, for consideration in light of *Hagan v. Superior Court* (1962) 57 Cal.2d 767. In the event the Court of Appeal determines that this petition is substantially identical to a prior petition, the repetitious petition must be denied.

**S273472****PETTERSEN ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that MICHAEL KENNETH PETTERSEN (Respondent), State Bar Number 145896, 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.

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.

**S273799****HOATS ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that JOSEPH MIRANDA HOATS (Respondent), State Bar Number 141599, is summarily disbarred from the practice of law 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.

**S273801****GREENLY ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that MARLENE DIANE GREENLY (Respondent), State Bar Number 81341, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first 90 days of probation;
2. Respondent 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

February 17, 2022; 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 February 17, 2022. 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 \$1,250 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.

## **S273921**

## **GARCIA ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that RAUL BENJAMIN GARCIA (Respondent), State Bar Number 131912, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first 120 days 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 February 11, 2022; 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 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.

**S274120****WRIGHT ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that WILLIAM ARMAND WRIGHT (Respondent), State Bar Number 75236, 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 a minimum of the first 90 days of probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until the following requirements are satisfied:
  - i. Respondent makes restitution to Karen Butzer, or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court, in the amount of \$3,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from August 14, 2014 (or reimburses the Client Security Fund, to the extent of any payment from the Fund to such payee, 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. Reimbursement to the Fund is enforceable as a money judgment and may be collected by the State Bar through any means permitted by law; and
  - ii. If Respondent remains suspended for two years or longer as a result of not satisfying the preceding requirement, Respondent must also provide proof to the State Bar Court of rehabilitation, fitness to practice and present 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. Respondent 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 February 22, 2022.
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 February 22, 2022. 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 \$2,250 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. 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.

**S274121****NAIMY, JR., ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that THEODORE RICHARD NAIMY, JR., (Respondent), State Bar Number 59790, 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 one year subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for the first 30 days 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 March 1, 2022; 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 March 1, 2022. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

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. One-half of the costs must be paid with Respondent's annual fees for each of the years 2023 and 2024. 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.

**S274123****ROBERTS ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that KEEFE ERIK ROBERTS (Respondent), State Bar Number 212643, 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) Bennet Meltzer and Shayna Stone in the amount of \$5,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from January 17, 2018;
- (2) Martin Marine in the amount of \$7,500 plus 10 percent interest per year from March 7, 2019;
- (3) Brandon Showalter in the amount of \$5,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from March 23, 2020;
- (4) Joseph Moore in the amount of \$2,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from March 15, 2020;

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.

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.

**S274125****ALDANA ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that FRANCISCO JAVIER ALDANA (Respondent), State Bar Number 216388, is suspended from the practice of law in California for three 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 a minimum of the first two years of probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until providing proof to the State Bar Court of 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 Prof. Misconduct, std. 1.2(c)(1).)

2. Respondent 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 8, 2022.
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 March 8, 2022. 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 \$3,250 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.