

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

S283470 B324256 Second Appellate District, Div. 7 **LOPEZ (ARTHUR) v.
VALDEZ (ROBERT)**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 14, 2024.

S283777 B323360 Second Appellate District, Div. 2 **GONZALES (JOSHUA
ZAMORA) v. CALIFORNIA
VICTIM COMPENSATION
BOARD (PEOPLE)**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 13, 2024.

S283792 D082229 Fourth Appellate District, Div. 1 **GARNER (GARY) v. BNSF
RAILWAY COMPANY**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 13, 2024.

S283808 B314165/B314958 Second Appellate District, Div. 2 **KNOWLES (FABIAN) v.
LONGWOOD
MANAGEMENT CORP.**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 13, 2024.

S283817 C096304/C096316/C096384
Third Appellate District

**PLANNING &
CONSERVATION LEAGUE v.
DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES (THE
METROPOLITAN WATER
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA)**

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 14, 2024.

S283828 F086109 Fifth Appellate District

IN RE L.B.

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 16, 2024.

S283838 F084032 Fifth Appellate District

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT v. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD (CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION)

The time for granting or denying review in the above-entitled matter is hereby extended to May 16, 2024.

S283538

BRADLEY ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that JOHN GANT BRADLEY (Respondent), State Bar Number 264816, 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 date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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.

S283563

CEBALLOS ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that SAMUEL ALBERTO CEBALLOS (Respondent), State Bar Number 292438, 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 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 Order Approving Stipulation filed on December 21, 2023; 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 December 21, 2023. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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. One-half of the costs must be paid with Respondent's annual fees for each of the years 2025 and 2026. 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.

S283566**COBERLY ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that RICHARD LEWIS COBERLY (Respondent), State Bar Number 242093, 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 a minimum of the first 30 days of probation, and Respondent will remain suspended until the following requirements are satisfied:
 - i. Respondent makes restitution to Mark Hamo, or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court, in the amount of \$1,567.90 plus 10 percent interest per year from July 23, 2019 (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 December 4, 2023.
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 December 4, 2023. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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 \$3,000 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-third of the costs must be paid with Respondent's annual fees for each of the years 2025, 2026, and 2027. 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.

S283567

DONBOLI ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed: disbarred

The court orders that JOHN H. DONBOLI (Respondent), State Bar Number 205218, 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) Warren M. Patch, Jr., D.C., in the amount of \$1,889.70 plus 10 percent interest per year from March 25, 2020;
- (2) Russell Ehdaie in the amount of \$15,000 plus 10 percent interest per year from June 1, 2020; and
- (3) Marissa Vogelsinger in the amount of \$18,610 plus 10 percent interest per year from August 27, 2020.

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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.

S283569

GODIN ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that RANDY GODIN (Respondent), State Bar Number 239411, 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 the following requirements are satisfied:
 - i. Respondent makes restitution to Steven Weiss, or such other recipient as may be designated by the Office of Probation or the State Bar Court, in the amount of \$2,950 plus 10 percent interest per year from December 8, 2020 (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. Respondent provides 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 December 19, 2023.
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 December 19, 2023. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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 \$1,750 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.

S283570

**KUZNYETSOV ON
DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that VYACHESLAV KUZNYETSOV (Respondent), State Bar Number 290407, 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 one year of probation (with credit given for the period of inactive enrollment effective February 22, 2022, through August 10, 2023 (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6233));
2. Respondent must also comply with the other conditions of probation recommended by the Hearing Department of the State Bar Court in its Decision filed on December 5, 2023; 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 comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is

filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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.

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. Costs must be paid with Respondent's annual fees for the year 2025. If Respondent fails to pay costs as described above, or as may be modified by the State Bar Court, the remaining balance is due and payable immediately.

S283571

OBAGI, JR., ON DISCIPLINE

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that ZEIN E. OBAGI, JR., (Respondent), State Bar Number 264139, 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 Decision filed on December 5, 2023.
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 December 5, 2023. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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.

S283661**VERMAZEN ON DISCIPLINE**

Recommended discipline imposed

The court orders that RICHARD VAN VERMAZEN (Respondent), State Bar Number 153029, 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 two years 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 December 12, 2023; 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 December 12, 2023. Failure to do so may result in suspension. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(b).)

Respondent must comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 calendar days, respectively, after the date this order is filed. (*Athearn v. State Bar* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 38, 45 [the operative date for identification of clients being represented in pending matters and others to be notified is the filing 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 \$1,875 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.

S283668

Resignation declined

GEORGE ON RESIGNATION

This court, having considered the request, declines to accept the voluntary resignation with charges pending of JENNIFER MICHELLE GEORGE (Attorney), State Bar Number 211701, as an attorney of the State Bar of California. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.21(d).) Attorney remains on inactive status. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.21(a).) Attorney may move the State Bar Court to be restored to active status, at which time the Office of Chief Trial Counsel may demonstrate any basis for Attorney's continued ineligibility to practice law. The State Bar Court will expedite the resolution of any request by Attorney to be restored to active status. Any return to active status will be conditioned on Attorney's payment of any fees, penalty payments, and restitution owed by Attorney. The underlying disciplinary matter should proceed promptly.

**SUPREME COURT MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

The Supreme Court of California convened in the courtroom of the Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Third Floor, North Tower, Los Angeles, California, on April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chief Justice Guerrero, presiding, and Associate Justices Corrigan, Liu, Kruger, Groban, Jenkins, and Evans.

Officer present: Jorge Navarrete, Clerk and Executive Officer.

S279242

Make UC a Good Neighbor et al., Plaintiffs and Appellants,
v.
The Regents of the University of California et al., Defendants and
Respondents;
Resources for Community Development et al., Real Parties in Interest.

Cause called. Nicole H. Gordon argued for Respondents.
Thomas N. Lippe argued for Appellants.

Ms. Gordon replied.
Cause submitted.

S273179 Truck Insurance Exchange, Plaintiff and Appellant,
v.
Kaiser Cement and Gypsum Corp. et al., Defendants, Cross-complainants
and Appellants;
London Market Insurers, Defendant and Appellant;
Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, Cross-defendant and
Appellant;
Granite State Insurance Company et al., Defendants and Respondents.

Cause called. Robert A. Olson argued for Appellant Truck Insurance
Exchange.

Brian A. Kelly argued for Appellant London Market Insurers.
Philip E. Cook argued for Appellants Kaiser Cement and Gypsum
Corporation.

Mr. Olson replied.
Cause submitted.

S273887 Michelle Himes; Marcia Benjamin; Daniel Benjamin, individually, and on
behalf of all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs and Appellants,
and
Jose Riera; Deborah Chase; Diane Scurrah, Plaintiffs,
v.
Somatics, LLC, Defendant and Respondent,
and
Mecta Corporation, Defendant.

Cause called. Bijan Esfandiari argued for Appellants.
Jonathan M. Freiman argued for Respondent.

Mr. Esfandiari replied.
Cause submitted.

Court recessed until 1:30 p.m. this date.

Court reconvened pursuant to recess.
Members of the court and officer present as first shown.

S276395 Nicholas Needham, Petitioner,
v.
Superior Court of Orange County, Respondent;
The People, Real Party in Interest.

Cause called. Yvette Patko, Office of the District Attorney, argued for Real Party in Interest.
Elizabeth Khan, Office of the Public Defender, argued for Petitioner.

Ms. Patko replied.
Cause submitted.

S272632 In re John Harris, Jr., on Habeas Corpus.

Cause called. Marsanne Weese argued for Petitioner
Rose Mishaan argued for Petitioner.
Joshua A. Klein, Office of the Attorney General, argued for Respondent.

Ms. Weese replied.
Cause submitted.

S087560 The People, Plaintiff and Respondent,
v.
Giles Albert Nadey, Jr., Defendant and Appellant.

Cause called. Christopher Johns, Court-Appointed Counsel, argued for Appellant.
Christen Somerville, Office of the Attorney General, argued for Respondent.

Mr. Johns replied.
Cause submitted.

Court adjourned.