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5 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
6 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
7 **LOS ANGELES DIVISION**
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9 **In re:**

10 **THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF**
11 **PETER NISSON.**
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Case No. 6:21-mp-00102-BR

**ORDER GRANTING “CONSENT TO
DISCIPLINE; CONSENT TO TERMS OF
REINSTATEMENT”**

Date: September 20, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

To Be Conducted Via Zoom for Government

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16 A hearing was scheduled to take place at the above and time set forth above to
17 consider Hon. Wayne Johnson’s Statement of Cause against Peter Nisson, and Mr.
18 Nisson’s response thereto. Based on the Consent to Discipline; Consent to Terms of
19 Reinstatement filed with the Court on September 14, 2021, the Court took the hearing off-
20 calendar.

21 After consideration of the “Consent to Discipline; Consent to Terms of
22 Reinstatement”, and good cause appearing;


23 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

24 The Consent to Discipline; Consent to Terms of Reinstatement is **APPROVED**. A
25 true and correct copy of the Consent is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The discipline
26 proposed therein and the terms of reinstatement therein shall be the order of this Court.
27 A copy of this Order will be transmitted to the State Bar of California and the United
28 States District Court for the Central District of California.

1 IT IS SO ORDERED.

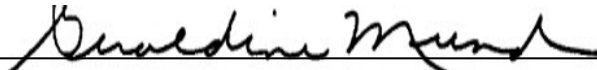
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Barry Russell, Presiding


8 United States Bankruptcy Judge

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12 United States Bankruptcy Judge

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Martin R. Barash

16 United States Bankruptcy Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:
255 E Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): Order Granting "Consent to Discipline; Consent to Terms of Reinstatement"

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will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

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Ron Maroko ron.maroko@usdoj.gov
Jesse J Thaler jessejthaler@gmail.com
United States Trustee (RS) ustpregion16.rs.ecf@usdoj.gov

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The State Bar of California, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, Intake Department, 845 S Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA, 90017

Kiry K. Gray, Clerk, U.S. District Court, U.S. Courthouse, 350 West 1st Street, Ste 4311, 5th Flr, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (*state method for each person or entity served*): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) 09/15/2021, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

Overnight Mail: Peter Nisson, Esq., 1503 South Coast Drive, Ste 100, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

By Email: All Judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

09/15/2021 Jennifer Kohout
Date Printed Name

Jennifer Kohout
Signature

Exhibit A

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:)	Case No.: 2:21-mp-00102-BR
THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF)	
PETER NISSON.)	CONSENT TO DISCIPLINE; CONSENT TO
)	TERMS OF REINSTATEMENT
)	
)	DATE: September 20, 2021
)	TIME: 10:00 am
)	To Be Conducted Via Zoom for Government

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL:

On April 21, 2021, the Honorable Wayne Johnson issued a lengthy Statement of Cause ("Statement of Cause") referring attorney Peter Nisson (SBN 62276) ("Nisson") to the Disciplinary Panel for the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California ("Disciplinary Panel") related to the case of *In re Steiner*, No. 6:19-bk-17059-WJ ("*Steiner*").¹ The Statement of Cause referenced numerous bankruptcy cases in the Central District and other California districts in which Nisson was counsel of record for consumer bankruptcy debtors and in which Nisson (1) disobeyed Court orders, (2) failed to comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and the Court's electronic filing protocols and procedures, (3) made false representations to the Court and submitted forged documents, and, (4) failed to perform legal services with competence.

The Disciplinary Panel established disciplinary file 2:21-mp-00102-BR based upon the Statement of Cause. Judge Johnson recommended that Nisson "be suspended or disbarred from

¹ The Statement of Cause was issued in *Steiner* after the United States Trustee for Region 16 ("U.S. Trustee") filed his Application for an Order Referring Attorney Peter Nisson to the Disciplinary Panel ("Referral Application"). Nisson had no opposition to the Referral Application.

1 practicing law in this Court” for several years in addition to his current suspension from filing new
2 bankruptcy cases.²

3 A hearing on the disciplinary matter currently is set for September 20, 2021.

4 **CONSENT**

5 1. Nisson consents to the Disciplinary Panel imposing an order (“Disciplinary Order”)
6 for a five-year suspension (“Suspension Period”) from practicing law in and before the Bankruptcy
7 Court for the Central District of California (“Central District Bankruptcy Court”). During the
8 Suspension Period, Nisson will not represent clients or render services in connection with
9 bankruptcy matters brought in, pending before, or for which proper venue would be the Central
10 District of California provided, however, that Mr. Nisson shall have thirty (30) days to conclude his
11 representation of existing bankruptcy clients. Also, during the Suspension Period, Nisson shall not
12 have any electronic filing privileges and any such privileges shall be immediately suspended by the
13 court. .

14 2. Nisson consents to, as a condition to his reinstatement, completing at least forty
15 hours of education (“Training Requirement”), including at least twelve (12) hours allocated to legal
16 ethics and/or professional responsibility, eight (8) hours allocated to law firm operation and
17 management, and twenty (20) hours allocated to substantive bankruptcy law, all with legal
18 education providers approved by the State Bar of California.

19 3. Nisson consents to, as a condition to his reinstatement, to paying any and all
20 sanctions, disgorgements, refunds, fees, and/or fines ordered against him (“Payment Requirement”),
21 including without limitation the payments described in the cases listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.
22 Nisson expressly understands that this provision is independent of and is intended to have no effect
23 on Nisson’s requirement to comply with the terms of court orders imposing the foregoing or other
24 remedies against Nisson.

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28 ² The Statement of Cause described several orders entered in *Steiner* prohibiting Nisson from filing new bankruptcy cases.

1 4. Nisson consents to, as a condition to his reinstatement, associating with a mentor
2 ("Mentor Requirement"). The mentor shall be an attorney who is a certified specialist in
3 bankruptcy law and has at least ten years of relevant bankruptcy experience and shall not be a
4 person with whom Nisson has had a prior business relationship. Within one-year of a disciplinary
5 order entered consistent with this Consent, Nisson shall select a mentor and the mentor shall file a
6 declaration accepting the mentoring role. During the one-year period before the conclusion of the
7 Suspension Period, at Nisson's sole cost and expense, Nisson shall meet with the mentor on at least
8 a quarterly basis to discuss, among other things, the operation and management of a bankruptcy
9 and/or debt relief practice.

10 5. Upon the conclusion of the Suspension Period, Nisson may apply for reinstatement
11 to practice in or before the Central District Bankruptcy Court ("Reinstatement Application"). The
12 Reinstatement Application shall include, among other things, evidence demonstrating that Nisson is
13 a member in good standing with the State Bar of California, and that Nisson has complied with the
14 Training, Payment and Mentor Requirements. Nisson expressly agrees and understands that the
15 Reinstatement Application may be denied.

16 6. Nisson shall certify in the Reinstatement Application that any attorney staff
17 employed by Nisson who are engaged in furnishing bankruptcy and/or debt relief services shall
18 have completed sixteen (16) hours of training, including at least four hours of ethics training, and
19 twelve hours of substantive bankruptcy law training. In addition, any non-attorney staff members
20 employed by Nisson in performing any paralegal duties pertaining to bankruptcy and/or debt relief
21 services shall have met the educational and experience qualifications required under applicable
22 California law and have completed the mandatory minimum continuing education requirements for
23 paralegals, and have completed at least eight (8) hours of substantive bankruptcy law training.

24 7. As a condition of reinstatement, Nisson agrees and shall certify in the Reinstatement
25 Application that he will not file skeletal or incomplete case commencement documents on behalf of
26 bankruptcy debtors absent demonstrable exigent circumstances and an express request by a debtor,
27 and provided that Mr. Nisson otherwise has complied fully with his professional obligations under
28 applicable bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy law.

1 8. Nisson expressly agrees and understands that upon the granting of his Reinstatement
2 Application, to the extent that the Disciplinary Order does not encompass the reinstatement of his e-
3 filing privileges, he will need to apply to Judge Johnson to reinstate those privileges.

4 DATED:


Peter Nisson, State Bar No. 62276

7 No objection to the proposal and consent:

8 PETER C. ANDERSON
9 UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

Dated: _____

11 Abram S. Feuerstein
12 Assistant United States Trustee

EXHIBIT "A"

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Peter L. Nisson

TOTAL FEES ASSESSED

Case No.	Division	Debtor(s)	Date of Order	Docket No.	Sanction Amount	Disgorged Fees	Other Fees & Fines	Total
19-14250	Riverside	Naomi Sandoval	9/11/2019	27	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
19-14250	Riverside	Naomi Sandoval	12/10/2019	37	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
19-05452	San Diego	Sanford Bramberg Deirdre Bramberg	6/10/2020	83	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 4,915.00	\$13,790.00
19-05452	San Diego	Sanford Bramberg Deirdre Bramberg	7/6/2020	88			\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
19-18370	Riverside	Kelley Ann Taylor	9/16/2020	40	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,750.00
19-16586	Riverside	Miguel Perez	9/18/2020	43	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 750.00	\$ 3,350.00
19-16586	Riverside	Miguel Perez	10/19/2020	49	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00
19-05394	San Diego	Gelacio Espinoza	11/4/2020	43	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 4,010.00
TOTALS:					\$ 21,300.00	\$ 9,935.00	\$ 9,765.00	\$41,000.00

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3801 University Avenue, Suite 720
Riverside, CA 92501

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Peter Nisson, Esq.
1503 South Coast Drive, Ste. 100
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

September 14, 2021 Carolyn K. Howland
Date Printed Name

/s/ Carolyn K. Howland
Signature

Mailing Information for Case 6:21-mp-00102-BR

Electronic Mail Notice List

The following is the list of **parties** who are currently on the list to receive email notice/service for this case.

- **Abram Feuerstein** abram.s.feuerstein@usdoj.gov
- **Ron Maroko** ron.maroko@usdoj.gov
- **Jesse J Thaler** jessejthaler@gmail.com
- **United States Trustee (RS)** ustpregion16.rs.ecf@usdoj.gov

No Notice List

The following is the list of **parties** who are on a related AP case and have asked not to receive notice/service for this lead BK case.

- **AtyDISCIPLINE** cacb_attydiscipline@cacb.uscourts.gov

Manual Notice List

The following is the list of **parties** who are **not** on the list to receive email notice/service for this case (who therefore require manual noticing/service). You may wish to use your mouse to select and copy this list into your word processing program in order to create notices or labels for these recipients.

- (No manual recipients)

Creditor List

Click the link above to produce a complete list of **creditors** only.

List of Creditors

Click on the link above to produce a list of **all** creditors and **all** parties in the case. User may sort in columns or raw data format.