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9 STATE BAR COURT  
10 HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO  
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13 Case No. 13-O-1778506

14 In the matter of:

15 CHARLES DODGSON,  
16 No. 999999,  
17 A Member of the State Bar.  
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RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR RELIEF  
FROM COSTS

Pursuant to the Rule of Procedure 5.130 and Business & Professions Code § 6086.10(c), Respondent Charles Dodgson hereby moves the Court for relief from the entirety of costs assessed in the captioned matters, on the grounds of financial hardship, special circumstances and good cause.

**Background**

Respondent suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression, facts which were well-established in his State Bar Court trials and dealings with the Office of Chief Trial Counsel. His mental conditions have led to various difficulties in his life, including an inability to handle the demands of

1 clients which ultimately led to his disbarment. His PTSD and depression, along  
2 with his age, also make earning a living outside of the law impossible. He  
3 subsists on his small fixed income of \$1,030.00/month. This is only possible  
4 because he lives with his grown son and his family.

5 Respondent was disbarred following trial in this Court. The effective date  
6 of his disbarment was April 24, 2014.

7 Costs assessed against Respondent total \$11,882.74, which represents  
8 nearly an entire year of Respondent's fixed income, all of which currently goes to  
9 cover his basic living expenses.

10 **Costs Assessed**

11 The costs assessed against Respondent are as follows:

- 12 • Case 13-O-1778506: \$4,465.89
- 13 • Case 10-O-392648: \$2,660.75
- 14 • Case 05-O-913357: \$4,756.10

15 These costs total \$11,882.74. Respondent's counsel was recently provided  
16 with a notice from the State Bar requesting these costs be paid by April 24, 2015.

17 **Basis For Motion**

18 The costs place an undue burden on Respondent for all of the reasons set  
19 forth in Rule 5.130 and § 6086.10(c). As detailed in Respondent's sworn Financial  
20 Declaration in Support of Motion for Relief filed herewith, his monthly fixed  
21 income of \$1,030.00 barely covers his most basic needs. He has not a dollar of  
22 extra money after paying his basic living expenses, making payments to the State  
23 Bar completely impossible.

24 In addition, Respondent's special circumstances of his medical conditions  
25 and age make it impossible for him to engage in gainful employment.

26 Finally, the financial and medical burdens on Respondent, the fact that he  
27 has been disbarred and will never again practice law, and has now moved out of  
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1 state, all amount to good cause for granting him relief from the State Bar  
2 discipline costs.

3 **Relief Sought**

4 Respondent seeks complete waiver of these costs. As detailed in the  
5 Financial Declaration in Support of Motion for Relief, he barely makes his  
6 meager living expenses now, has no savings, and has no assets. With no  
7 likelihood of these circumstances ever changing, Respondent seeks total relief  
8 from the costs to remove this burden.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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12 Dated: January 13, 2015

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