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9 STATE BAR COURT
10 HEARING DEPARTMENT – SAN FRANCISCO
11 ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM
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16 In the matter of:
17 CHARLES DODGSON,
18 No. 999999,
19 A Member of the State Bar.
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Case No. 13-O-1778506

RESPONDENT'S NEXUS STATEMENT
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1 Pursuant to Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California 5.382(A)(3)
2 and 5.383(C), Respondent Charles Dodgson hereby submits this Nexus
3 Statement in support of his request for admission into the State Bar Court's
4 Alternative Discipline Program (ADP). This is a non-public document pursuant
5 to Rule 5.388(C).

6 I, Charles Dodgson, hereby declare:

- 7 1. I am the Respondent in this matter.
- 8 2. It is my desire to enter into ADP to resolve the discipline charges
9 contained in the Notice of Disciplinary Charges filed in this matter.

10 CRIMINAL CONVICTION

- 11 3. In 2005, during the week of Thanksgiving, I attended a social event
12 at which I consumed alcohol.
- 13 4. I drove home from that social event and was cited by the police
14 while en route.
- 15 5. I was charged with two misdemeanor charges for violation of
16 Vehicle Code § 23152(A) and violation of Vehicle Code § 23152(B).
- 17 6. I pled nolo contendere to a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code
18 § 23103(A) and served two years probation and paid fines.
- 19 7. As part of my plea, I also participated in a first offender program.
- 20 8. I successfully completed all ordered activities and completed an
21 alcohol education program.

22 REALIZATION OF PROBLEM & RESULTING TREATMENT

- 23 9. My participating in the program led me to see that my drinking at
24 the social event and then carelessly driving home was not an
25 isolated occurrence.
- 26 10. I came to realize that I am an alcoholic. I began seeking treatment
27 for my alcoholism in March 2006.
- 28 11. I entered an inpatient program at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

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in Rancho Mirage, California on March 19, 2006.

12. I have been sober since my entry into the Betty Ford program.

ACTIONS UNDERLYING NDC

13. The NDC in this case stems from a complaint by my former client Randall Joseph.

14. I was retained by Mr. Joseph in May 2004 to represent him as a defendant in a civil action.

15. The allegations in the NDC are that I failed in my duties to Mr. Joseph, including failing to appear for his deposition, failing to respond to a motion for summary judgment (which was granted against him), failing to appeal the summary judgment ruling, failing to return unearned fees, and failing to provide an accounting.

16. At the time I was retained by Mr. Joseph, I was drinking heavily on a daily basis.

17. At the time, I was unaware of the impact that my drinking was having on my work.

18. In hindsight, I realize that my inability to meet my duties to my client was the direct result of my alcoholism.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 15, 2015

Charles Dodgson
Respondent