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**Complaint Review Unit**

January 28, 2026

James Bennett  
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RE: Case No.: 24-O-28746  
Respondent(s): James Arthur Judge

Dear James Bennett:

The State Bar's Complaint Review Unit received your correspondence on March 3, 2025, requesting reconsideration of the Office of Chief Trial Counsel's ("OCTC") decision to close your complaint against James Arthur Judge. The Office of General Counsel's Complaint Review Unit reviewed all the information provided and has determined that there is not a sufficient basis to recommend reopening your complaint.

The Complaint Review Unit is authorized to recommend reopening a complaint when there is significant new evidence or when it is determined that there is good cause to recommend that the matter be reopened. The State Bar Court is authorized to impose or recommend disciplinary sanctions only if there is clear and convincing evidence to establish that the attorney has committed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct or the State Bar Act. Therefore, the Complaint Review Unit will not recommend that a matter be reopened unless there is a reasonable possibility that a disciplinary violation can be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

OCTC considered the allegations and evidence you presented and thereafter closed your complaint. You were informed of this decision by letter dated January 23, 2025. The facts of your complaint and the basis for the closing determination are detailed in that letter.

The Complaint Review Unit has carefully and independently reviewed the file in this matter, as well as all the information presented in your request for review. Based on this review, it was determined that your request for review does not present significant new evidence or otherwise demonstrate that OCTC erred or abused its discretion in its decision to close your

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complaint. As such, the Complaint Review Unit has concluded that there is not a sufficient basis to recommend reopening your complaint.

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to file an accusation against the attorney with the California Supreme Court (informally known as a "Walker petition"). A copy of the applicable rule is enclosed. (See Rule 9.13, subsections (d) through (f), California Rules of Court.) If you choose to file an accusation, you must do so **within 60 days of the date of the mailing of this letter**. Together with your accusation, you should provide the California Supreme Court (1) a copy of this letter and (2) a copy of OCTC's original closing letter.

The State Bar cannot give you legal advice or representation. You may wish to consult with an attorney for advice regarding any other remedies which may be available to you. Attorneys can be located by contacting a lawyer referral service certified by the State Bar in your area. You may obtain a list of State Bar certified lawyer referral services by calling the State Bar at 866-442-2529 or by visiting the State Bar website at:

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Need-Legal-Help/Lawyer-Referral-Service>

Sincerely,  
Complaint Review Unit  
Enclosure