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Alexander Toran
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PROBATION

Larry Mark Bakman
 State Bar #88964, Los Angeles
 (April 1, 2020)

Bakman was placed on probation for two years after he stipulated to committing two acts of professional misconduct in a two unrelated client matters: threatening to bring criminal charges to obtain an advantage in a civil dispute and seeking an agreement from a party to refrain from filing a complaint about professional misconduct with the State Bar.

In one case, Bakman attended the deposition of a third-party witness in a family law matter. Seven lawyers representing the various parties attended the deposition, engaging in "aggressive and acrimonious interchanges." At one point, counsel for the person being deposed instructed him not to answer. Bakman responded by threatening to delve into the legitimacy of the deponent's marriage, which he had earlier characterized as a "fraudulent" and a "scam" and also indicated the deponent could be the subject of a grand jury proceed- ing.

In the other matter, Bakman agreed to respond to a demand letter another attorney had received, doing the work on a pro bono basis. In the demand letter, an individual had stated she would contact the State Bar if their real property dispute was not resolved. Bakman's response urged the woman "not to take any unreasonable action such as contacting the State Bar."

In aggravation, Bakman had been disciplined by the State Bar for professional misconduct twice before.

In mitigation, he entered into a pretrial stipulation and presented letters from 10 individuals taken from a range in the community who were fully aware of the misconduct at issue and attested to Bakman's good character and community service work.

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