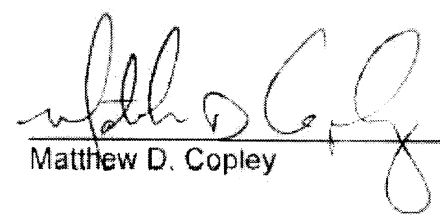


- 1 10. I have learned that when I have a legal issue I need to find a specialist in that field.
- 2 11. My case stemmed from a conviction seven years ago for receiving stolen property.
- 3 This conviction has since been expunged in accordance with Penal Code Section 1203.4
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- 5 12. Mr. Benninghoff told me about the circumstances surrounding his resignation from
- 6 the BAR. He explained that he plead guilty to charges having nothing to do in relationship
- 7 to his clients. It was a personal financial matter.
- 8 13. Mr. Benninghoff has always been an honest person, worthy of trust, in all of my
- 9 dealings with him.
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- 11 14. That is why I did not hesitate in calling him when the Secretary of State denied me
- 12 the issuance of a Notary License.
- 13 15. I was surprised to hear of Mr. Benninghoff's shortcomings. However, Mr.
- 14 Benninghoff's candor and honesty in relating this inspired me to reflect on this period and
- 15 make it a learning experience.
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- 17 16. Mr. Benninghoff has never told me anything of a material nature which turned out
- 18 not to be true. Furthermore, he has never told me he would do something of a material
- 19 nature that I subsequently determined not to have been done by him.
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- 21 17. Based upon my experience in knowing Mr. Benninghoff I have determined that his
- 22 reputation for honesty and truthfulness is well deserved.

23 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
24 above-stated is true and this declaration is signed under penalty of perjury.

25 Date:

26  6/2/2005
27 Matthew D. Copley
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