

1 **DECLARATION OF RICHARD THOMAS PRETZINGER, JR.**

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3 The Undersigned, Richard Thomas Pretzinger, Jr. hereby, DECLARES that the
4 following is true and correct and of my own knowledge except where stated upon
5 information or belief, and in such cases, I have been so informed and do believe. Further,
6 if called upon to testify about the same I could do so competently and credibly.

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8 1. My name is Richard Thomas Pretzinger, Jr. and I was issued by the Board of
9 Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors License Number L-7113.
- 10 2. I am 49 years old and my mailing address is Post Office Box 432, Lake Arrowhead,
11 CA 92352.
- 12 3. I have known Charles Benninghoff since February 2002 when I contacted him
13 regarding an Accusation I received from the Board of Professional Engineers and Land
14 Surveyors.
- 15 4. Mr. Benninghoff told me from the start that he was not a lawyer. I remember signing
16 a Notice of Representative for which he specifically explained that he was not a lawyer.
- 17 5. I want to assure everyone who reads this that I hired Mr. Benninghoff knowing him
18 to be a lay representative and at no time did he indicate that he was or did I believe him to
19 be a lawyer.
- 20 6. I hired Mr. Benninghoff as an alternative to paying the high cost of a lawyer's
21 representation which I could not then afford. His charges for the services rendered were
22 fair and reasonable.
- 23 7. I hired Mr. Benninghoff knowing that he had resigned his license to practice law.
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8. Mr. Benninghoff told me about the circumstances surrounding his resignation from the California Bar. He explained that he plead guilty to charges having nothing to do in relationship to his clients.

9. I was surprised to hear of Mr. Benninghoff's shortcomings. However, Mr. Benninghoff's candor and honesty in relating this inspired me to reflect on this period and made it a learning experience.

10. I have no reservations in highly recommending Mr. Benninghoff to anyone.

11. Mr. Benninghoff worked hard on my case and it ended in with the case being dropped by the Board and no disciplinary action was taken.


12. I have always found Mr. Benninghoff to be an honest person, worthy of trust, in all of my dealings with him.

13. Mr. Benninghoff left a very good impression on me and I am very happy with the efforts put forth on my case. I am satisfied with the outcome of my case.

14. Based upon my experience in knowing Mr. Benninghoff I have determined that his reputation for honesty and truthfulness is demonstrated by his work ethics and work product.

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

Date: 6-1-05


Richard Thomas Pretzinger, Jr.