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DISCIPLINARY BOARD  
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

**HARI L. ALIPURIA,**

Lawyer (Bar No. 26899).

Proceeding No. 26#00005

ODC File No. 23-01002

Resignation Form of Hari L Alipuria (ELC  
9.3(b))

I, Hari L Alipuria, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent. I make the statements in this declaration from personal knowledge.

2. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Washington on June 23, 1997.

3. I have voluntarily decided to resign from the Washington State Bar Association (the Association) in Lieu of Discipline under Rule 9.3 of the Washington Supreme Court's Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is Disciplinary Counsel's statement of alleged misconduct for purposes of ELC 9.3(b). I am aware of the alleged misconduct stated in Disciplinary Counsel's statement, but rather than defend against the allegations, I wish to permanently resign from membership in the Association.

1           5. I consent to entry of an order under ELC 13.9(e) assessing expenses of \$1,500 in  
2 this matter.

3           6. I agree to pay any additional costs or restitution that may be ordered by a Review  
4 Committee under ELC 9.3(g).

5           7. I understand that my resignation is permanent and that any future application by me  
6 for reinstatement as a member of the Association is currently barred. If the Washington Supreme  
7 Court changes this rule or an application is otherwise permitted in the future, it will be treated as  
8 an application by one who has been disbarred for ethical misconduct. If I file an application, I  
9 will not be entitled to a reconsideration or reexamination of the facts, complaints, allegations, or  
10 instances of alleged misconduct on which this resignation was based.

11           8. I agree to (a) notify all other states and jurisdictions in which I am admitted, of this  
12 resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from the practice of law in any  
13 other state or jurisdiction in which I am admitted; and (c) provide Disciplinary Counsel with  
14 copies of this notification and any response(s). I acknowledge that this resignation could be  
15 treated as a disbarment by all other jurisdictions.

16           9. I agree to (a) notify all other professional licensing agencies in any jurisdiction from  
17 which I have a professional license that is predicated on my admission to practice law of this  
18 resignation in lieu of discipline; (b) seek to resign permanently from any such license; and (c)  
19 provide disciplinary counsel with copies of any of these notifications and any responses.

20           10. I agree that when applying for any employment, I will disclose the resignation in  
21 lieu of discipline in response to any question regarding disciplinary action or the status of my  
22 license to practice law.

23           11. I understand that my resignation becomes effective on Disciplinary Counsel's  
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1 endorsement and filing of this document with the Clerk, and that under ELC 9.3(c) Disciplinary  
2 Counsel must do so promptly following receipt of this document.

3 12. When my resignation becomes effective, I agree to be subject to all restrictions that  
4 apply to a disbarred lawyer.

5 13. Upon filing of my resignation, I agree to comply with the same duties as a disbarred  
6 lawyer under ELC 14.1 through ELC 14.4.

7 14. I understand that, after my resignation becomes effective, it is permanent. I will  
8 never be eligible to apply and will not be considered for admission or reinstatement to the practice  
9 of law nor will I be eligible for admission for any limited practice of law.

10 15. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
11 foregoing is true and correct.

12  
13 February 4, 2026 Tacoma Wa  
14 Date and Place

  
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16 Hari L. Alipuria, Bar No. 26899

17 ENDORSED BY:

  
18 Benjamin J. Attanasio  
19 Managing Disciplinary Counsel  
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# EXHIBIT A

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STATEMENT OF ALLEGED  
MISCONDUCT UNDER ELC 9.3(b)(1)

The following constitutes a Statement of Alleged Misconduct under Rule 9.3(b)(1) of the Washington Supreme Court’s Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct (ELC).

**I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

1. Respondent Hari L. Alipuria was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Washington on June 23, 1997.

**II. ALLEGED FACTS**

2. At all relevant times, Respondent maintained a trust account at U.S. Bank ending in 1174 (“trust account”) for the deposit of client funds.

- 3. Respondent did not maintain a contemporaneous check register for the trust account.
- 4. Respondent did not maintain individual client ledgers for the trust account.

1 5. Respondent did not perform monthly trust account reconciliations.

2 6. On at least one occasion between January 2022 and October 2024, Respondent  
3 deposited and retained Respondent's personal funds in the trust account.

4 7. Between January 2022 and October 2024, Respondent made multiple cash  
5 withdrawals from the trust account.

6 8. Between January 2022 and October 2024, Respondent used and/or converted client  
7 funds in the trust account for Respondent's personal use, including, but not limited to, payment  
8 of Respondent's monthly office rent, payments of Respondent's monthly homeowner's  
9 association dues, payment of Respondent's monthly gym membership, payment of Respondent's  
10 telephone and/or internet bills, and purchases from Amazon.com.

11 9. On March 13, 2024, Respondent appeared for a deposition in the disciplinary  
12 investigation.

13 10. Respondent provided false testimony at the deposition, including, but not limited to,  
14 testimony that Respondent maintained complete trust account records and testimony that trust  
15 account disbursements for personal use were related to client matters.

16 **III. ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.**

17 11. By providing false testimony in a deposition, Respondent violated RPC 8.1(a), RPC  
18 8.4(b) (by violating RCW 9A.72.040), and/or RPC 8.4(c).

19 12. By using and/or converting client funds for Respondent's own purposes, Respondent  
20 violated RPC 1.15A(b), RPC 8.4(b), and/or RPC 8.4(c).

21 13. By depositing and/or retaining Respondent's funds in the trust account, Respondent  
22 violated RPC 1.15A(c) and/or RPC 1.15A(h)(1).

23 14. By failing to maintain a check register or client ledgers for Respondent's trust  
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1 account, Respondent violated RPC 1.15A(h)(2), RPC 1.15B(a)(1), and/or RPC 1.15B(a)(2).

2 15. By failing to perform trust account reconciliations, Respondent violated RPC  
3 1.15A(h)(6).

4 16. By making cash withdrawals from the trust account, Respondent violated RPC  
5 1.15A(h)(5).

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7 DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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9 Benjamin J. Attanasio, Bar No. 43032  
10 Managing Disciplinary Counsel - Audit  
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