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REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BAR COURT

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In the Matter of

ANTHONY L. WRIGHT,

A Member of the State Bar.

) 08-C-11439

) **RECOMMENDATION OF**
) **SUMMARY DISBARMENT**

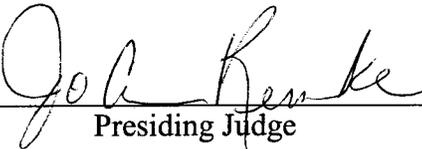
The State Bar's request for recommendation of summary disbarment, filed on August 22, 2008, is granted. On August 28, 2008, we filed an order to show cause on or before September 22, 2008, directing respondent, Anthony L. Wright, State Bar No. 46186, to show why we should not recommend his summary disbarment to the Supreme Court. Respondent did not file a response.

On March 13, 2008, respondent pled guilty to seven counts of committing lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under 14 years of age in violation of Penal Code section 288, subdivision (a). Respondent's accepted guilty plea is a conviction under the State Bar Act. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6101, subd. (e).) As a result of respondent's conviction we placed him on interim suspension effective May 9, 2008, and he has remained on interim suspension since that time. As the time period for filing an appeal from his conviction has expired and respondent has not filed a notice of appeal, his conviction is now final. (California Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a).)

Respondent's conviction is conclusive proof that he committed the crime. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6101, subd. (a); *In re Crooks* (1990) 51 Cal.3d 1090, 1097.) The record of conviction establishes that respondent's conviction meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c), as amended effective January 1, 1997. First, the offense of which respondent was convicted is a felony. (Pen. Code § 288, subd. (a); Bus. & Prof. Code § 6102, subd. (b).) Second, the offense involves moral turpitude per se. Penal Code section 288, subdivision (a), involves "willfully and lewdly commit[ing] any lewd or lascivious act . . . upon . . . a child . . . with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desires of [the perpetrator] or the child." A person who intends to arouse, appeal to or gratify sexual desire with a child necessarily intends to harm the child; such conduct is " 'extremely repugnant to accepted moral standards' and necessarily involves moral turpitude for purposes of attorney discipline. [Citations.]" (*In re Lesansky* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 11, 17 [holding conviction of violation of Pen. Code § 288, subd. (c)(1) involves moral turpitude].) When an attorney's conviction meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code, section 6102, subdivision (c), "the attorney is not entitled to a State Bar Court hearing to determine whether lesser discipline is called for." (*In re Paguirigan* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 1, 7.) Disbarment is mandatory. (*Id.* at p. 9; see also *In re Lesansky, supra*, 25 Cal.4th at pp. 17-18.)

We therefore recommend that respondent, Anthony L. Wright, State Bar No. 46186, be summarily disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that respondent be ordered to comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court and to perform the acts specified in paragraphs (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 45 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's order. Finally, we recommend that costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code, section 6086.10, and that such

costs be enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code, section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.


Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on October 29, 2008, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

[X] by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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[X] by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Donald R. Steedman, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on October 29, 2008.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court