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**REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BAR COURT
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In the Matter of) Case No.: **09-C-13133**
)
JOHN EVANS CRAWFORD)
) **RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY**
) **DISBARMENT**
A Member of the State Bar.)
_____)

On August 26, 2010, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on John E. Crawford's felony convictions. Crawford did not file a response. We grant the request and recommend that Crawford be summarily disbarred.

On November 24, 2008, Crawford pled nolo contendere to felony violations of Penal Code sections 529 (false personation) and 530.5, subdivision (a) (identity theft). On September 9, 2010, we filed an order that placed Crawford on interim suspension. On August 26, 2010, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Crawford's conviction was final.

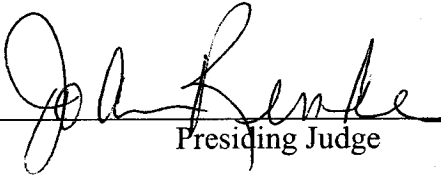
After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (c).)

The record of conviction establishes that Crawford's identity theft conviction meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c). First, the offense is a felony. Second, a conviction for identity theft involves moral turpitude. Identity theft requires that Crawford willfully acquire another's personal identifying

information and use that information without consent for an unlawful purpose such as obtaining credit, goods, services, realty, or medical information. (Pen. Code, § 530.5, subd. (a).) This offense “contemplates misleading the person or entity from whom the goods, services, etc. are obtained.” (*People v. Hagedorn* (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 734, 747.) “An attorney’s practice of deceit involves moral turpitude. (*Cutler v. State Bar* (1969) 71 Cal.2d 241, 253; accord *Coppock v. State Bar* (1988) 44 Cal.3d 665, 679 [an act by an attorney for the purpose of concealment or other deception is dishonest and 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.)

We therefore recommend that John Evans Crawford, State Bar number 93080, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that Crawford be ordered to comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court and to perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's order. Finally, we recommend that the costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with section 6086.10 of the Business and Professions Code 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 September 28, 2010, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
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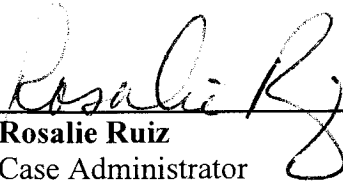
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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

KRISTEN RITSEMA, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on September 28, 2010.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court