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LOS ANGELES****REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BAR COURT
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In the Matter of)	Case No.: 10-C-05395
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MEL WAYNE CAMPBELL)	
)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
Member No. 158764)	DISBARMENT
)	
<u>A Member of the State Bar.</u>)	

On November 24, 2010, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Mel Wayne Campbell's felony conviction. Campbell did not file a response. We grant the request and recommend that Campbell be summarily disbarred.

On May 27, 2010, Campbell pled guilty to one felony count of violating Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a) (receiving stolen property) and three felony counts of violating Penal Code section 186.10, subdivision (a) (money laundering).¹ As a result of his conviction, we issued an order placing Campbell on interim suspension, effective October 15, 2010. On November 24, 2010, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Campbell's conviction is final.

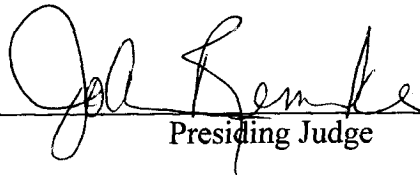
After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (c).) The record of conviction establishes that Campbell's violation of Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a), meets the criteria for summary

¹ We base our recommendation of summary disbarment only on Campbell's violation of Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a).

disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c). First, the offense is a felony. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (b).) Second, the offense necessarily involves moral turpitude. (*In re Plotner* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 714, 715 [receiving stolen property in violation of section 496 involves moral turpitude for purposes of attorney discipline].)

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 Mal Wayne Campbell, State Bar number 158764, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that Campbell 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 of California. 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 February 16, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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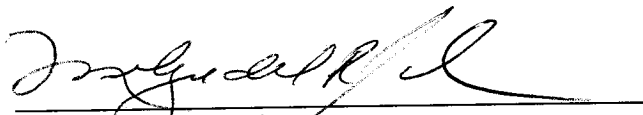
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Murray B. Greenberg, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on February 16, 2011.


Milagro del R. Salmeron
Case Administrator
State Bar Court