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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

IN BANK

In the Matter of)
) Case No. 10-C-08514
)
PAUL CONRAD WARD,)
) RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
) DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 92369.)
)
_____)

On December 20, 2011, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Paul Conrad Ward's felony conviction. Ward did not file a response. Based on the criminal record in this case, we grant the State Bar's request and recommend that Ward be summarily disbarred.

On March 31, 2011, Ward pled guilty to one count of aiding and abetting wire fraud in violation of 18 United States Code sections 1343 and 2 (a). As a result of the conviction, we issued an order placing Ward on interim suspension, effective June 12, 2011. On December 20, 2011, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Ward's conviction is final.

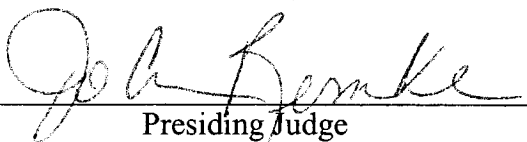
After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code,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



First, Ward's offense is a felony. (18 U.S.C. § 3559(a).) Second, an essential element of aiding and abetting a violation of 18 United States Code section 1343 is the specific intent to defraud. (*United States v. McNeil* (9th Cir. 2003) 320 F.3d 1034, 1040 [wire fraud has three elements: a scheme to defraud, use of the wires in furtherance of that scheme, and the specific intent to defraud; see also *United States v. Andreen* (9th Cir. 1980) 628 F.2d 1236, 1245 [one who aids and abets a crime acts with the specific intent required for commission of that particular crime].)

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 Paul Conrad Ward, State Bar number 92369, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that Ward 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

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

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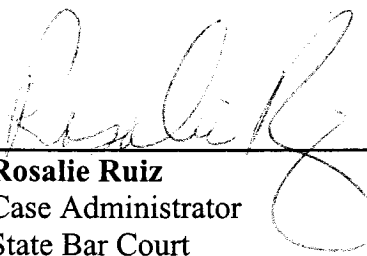
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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

MURRAY B. GREENBERG, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on January 17, 2012.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court