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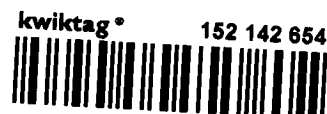
REVIEW DEPARTMENT - IN BANK

In the Matter of)	Case No. 12-C-11583
)	
HAMID TAGHIZADEH,)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 194627.)	
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On August 31, 2012, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Hamid Taghizadeh's felony conviction for committing a lewd act upon a child. Taghizadeh did not file a response. Based on the criminal record in this case, we grant the State Bar's request and recommend that Taghizadeh be summarily disbarred.

On May 14, 2012, the Los Angeles Superior Court accepted Taghizadeh's nolo contendere plea to one count of committing a lewd act upon a child under the age of 14, in violation of Penal Code section 288, subdivision (a). Effective September 24, 2012, we placed Taghizadeh on interim suspension. On August 31, 2012, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Taghizadeh's conviction is final.

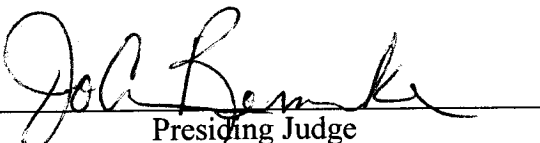
After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code,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



Taghizadeh was convicted of a felony, which satisfies the first element of the summary disbarment provision. As for the second element, the offense of committing a lewd act upon a child under the age of 14 involves moral turpitude per se. Penal Code section 288, subdivision (a), requires “the touching of the body of a child under the age of 14, with the specific intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust of the child or the accused. [Citations.]” (*People v. Raley* (1992) 2 Cal.4th 870, 907.) 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.)

We therefore recommend that Hamid Taghizadeh, State Bar number 194627, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that Taghizadeh be ordered to comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20 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 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)]

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 5, 2012, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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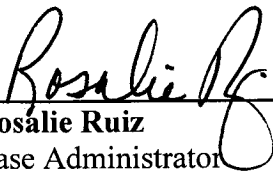
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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

BROOKE A. SCHAFER, Office of Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on October 5, 2012.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court