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**REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BAR COURT
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In the Matter of)	Case No.: 12-C-12361
)	
VINCENT VADIM SHULMAN,)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 207105.)	
_____)	

On February 4, 2014, the State Bar's Office of the Chief Trial Counsel (State Bar) filed a motion for summary disbarment based on the felony conviction of Vincent Vadim Shulman. Shulman did not file a response. We grant the motion and recommend that Shulman be summarily disbarred.

On April 19, 2013, the superior court found Shulman guilty after his plea of nolo contendere to multiple felony counts of violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) (grand theft).¹ As a result of his conviction, we issued an order placing Shulman on interim suspension, effective September 27, 2013. On February 4, 2014, the State Bar transmitted evidence that Shulman'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

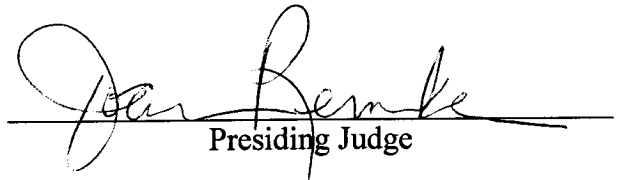
¹ Shulman's crimes were committed between June 2004 and May 2010. Prior to January 1, 2011, Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) provided that a defendant committed grand theft if he or she stole property worth more than \$400. Effective January 1, 2011, the Legislature amended section 487, subdivision (a) to define grand theft as the taking of property worth more than \$950. (Stats. 2010, ch. 693, § 1.) As to each count, Shulman admitted to stealing a value exceeding \$950.

Shulman's offense meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c).

First, Shulman was charged with and convicted of a felony. (Pen. Code, § 489 [grand theft to include imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year or pursuant to Pen. Code, § 1170, subd. (h)]; Pen. Code, § 17, subd. (a) [felony includes crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail under Pen. Code, § 1170, subd. (h)].) Second, the crime inherently involves moral turpitude. (*In re Basinger* (1988) 45 Cal.3d 1348, 1358 [grand theft necessarily involves moral turpitude; see also *In re Paguirigan* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 1, 5 [crimes of robbery, embezzlement and other forms of theft necessarily involve 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, supra*, 25 Cal.4th at p. 7.) Disbarment is mandatory. (*Id.* at p. 9.)

We therefore recommend that Vincent Vadim Shulman be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that he 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 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)]

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 March 11, 2014, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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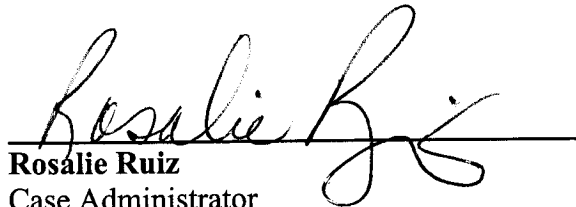
- [X] by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 11, 2014.


Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court