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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

IN BANK

In the Matter of) Case No.: 14-C-02231
)
WILLIAM CHARLES BOZARTH,)
) RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
) DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 168487.)
_____)

On August 11, 2014, the State Bar's Office of the Chief Trial Counsel (OCTC) filed a motion for summary disbarment based on the felony conviction of William Charles Bozarth. Bozarth did not file a response. We grant the motion and recommend that Bozarth be summarily disbarred.

On April 24, 2014, Bozarth pled guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) (grand theft by embezzlement). As a result of his conviction, we issued an order placing Bozarth on interim suspension, effective August 6, 2014. On August 11, 2014, OCTC transmitted evidence that Bozarth'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 Bozarth's offense meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c).



First, Bozarth was charged with and convicted of a felony. (Pen. Code, § 489, subd. (b).) Second, the crime 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 William Charles Bozarth, State Bar number 168487, 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.

PURCELL

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 September 18, 2014, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY DISBARMENT
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on September 18, 2014.



Jasmine Guladzhyan
Case Administrator
State Bar Court