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**STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**REVIEW DEPARTMENT**

**IN BANK**

In the Matter of	)	Case No. 15-C-15815
	)	
RAY SHANNON POOL,	)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
	)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, 226188.	)	
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On December 5, 2016, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) transmitted Ray Shannon Pool's records of conviction and filed a motion for summary disbarment based on Pool's felony conviction. Pool did not respond. We grant the motion and recommend that Pool be summarily disbarred.

On October 29, 2012, Pool pled guilty to a violation of title 18 United States Code section 2252(a)(4)(B) (possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors), a felony involving moral turpitude. Judgment was entered on February 6, 2013. Pool was placed on interim suspension from the practice of law by this court pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6102, effective January 30, 2017. The records of conviction establish that the conviction has become final. Specifically, no party filed a notice of appeal within the statutory time period after the entry of judgment. (Fed. Rules App. Proc., rule 4(b), 28 U.S.C.)

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 both criteria for summary disbarment.

First, Pool’s offense is a felony. (18 U.S.C. §§ 3559(a) [classifying offenses based on sentencing ranges], 2252A(a)(4)(B) [possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors punishable with imprisonment up to 10 years].)

Second, Pool’s conviction necessarily involves moral turpitude. (*In re Grant* (2014) 58 Cal.4th 469 [felonious possession of child pornography is moral turpitude per se because the crime involves exploitation of children and shows flagrant disrespect for the law and for societal norms].) Accordingly, Pool’s conviction qualifies him for summary disbarment.

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 Ray Shannon Pool, State Bar number 226188, 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 costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6086.10, and that such costs be enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.

**PURCELL**

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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 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 January 9, 2017, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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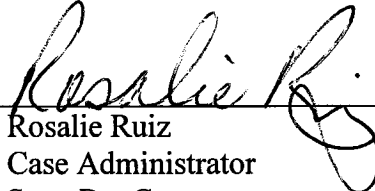
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on January 9, 2017.

  
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