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In the Matter of)	Case No. 16-C-12922
)	
BRUCE CHARLES FEHR,)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, 122297.)	
_____)	

On June 23, 2016, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed a motion for summary disbarment based on Bruce Charles Fehr's felony conviction. Fehr did not respond. We grant the motion and recommend that Fehr be summarily disbarred.

On December 2, 2015, Fehr pled guilty to a violation of title 18 United States Code section 2252A(a)(5)(B) (possession of child pornography). Effective August 15, 2016, Fehr was placed on interim suspension from the practice of law. With its motion for summary disbarment, OCTC submitted evidence that the conviction had 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.) Therefore, the 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 both criteria for summary disbarment.



First, Fehr's offense is a felony. (18 U.S.C. §§ 3559(a) [classifying offenses based on sentencing ranges], 2252A(a)(5)(B) [possession of child pornography punishable with imprisonment up to 20 years].)

Second, Fehr'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, Fehr'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 Bruce Charles Fehr, State Bar number 122297, 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

Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 4, 2016.



Jasmine Guladzhyan
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