

STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

REVIEW DEPARTMENT

IN BANK

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In the Matter of

NAREG L. BARDAKJIAN AKA NAREG LEVON BARDAKJIAN,

A Member of the State Bar, No. 276240.

Case No. 18-C-13679 RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY DISBARMENT

On June 14, 2018, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed a Request for Summary Disbarment based on Nareg L. Bardakjian's (a.k.a. Nareg Levon Bardakjian) felony conviction. Bardakjian responded on June 27, 2018. We grant the request and recommend that Bardakjian be summarily disbarred.

On July 26, 2017, Bardakjian pled guilty to violating Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) (grand theft). On June 14, 2018, OCTC transmitted evidence of the finality of his conviction and requested Bardakjian's summary disbarment. On July 5, 2018, we placed Bardakjian on interim suspension, effective July 30, 2018.

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, Bardakjian's offense is a felony. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (b);

Penal Code, §§ 17, 489, 1170, subd. (h).) Second, the crime of grand theft 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 Nareg L. Bardakjian, a.k.a. Nareg Levon Bardakjian, State Bar number 276240, 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 Court Specialist 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 August 3, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY DISBARMENT FILED AUGUST 3, 2018

in a sealed envelope for collection and mailing on that date as follows:

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:

Kevin B. Taylor, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 3, 2018.

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