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In the Matter of	)	Case No. 11-C-10001
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SHELLI JO LEWIS-GONZALES,	)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
	)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 170161.	)	
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On June 8, 2011, the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Shelli Jo Lewis-Gonzales's felony conviction. Lewis-Gonzales did not file a response. We grant the request and recommend that Lewis-Gonzales be summarily disbarred.

On January 7, 2011, Lewis-Gonzales pled guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code section 487, subdivision (a) (grand theft). Effective April 6, 2011, we placed Lewis-Gonzales on interim suspension. On June 8, 2011, the State Bar filed evidence that Lewis-Gonzales's conviction is now final.

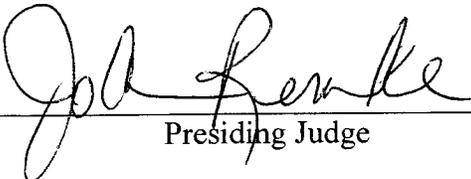
After the judgment of conviction becomes final, "the Supreme Court shall summarily disbar the attorney if the offense is a felony . . . and an element of the offense is the specific intent to deceive, defraud, steal, or make or suborn a false statement, or involved moral turpitude." (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (c).) The record of conviction establishes that Lewis-Gonzales's offense meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c).



First, Lewis-Gonzales's offense is a felony. 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.4<sup>th</sup> at p. 7.) Disbarment is mandatory. (*Id.* at p. 9.)

We therefore recommend that Shelli Jo Lewis-Gonzales, State Bar number 170161, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that she be ordered to comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court 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.

  
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Presiding Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; 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 July 27, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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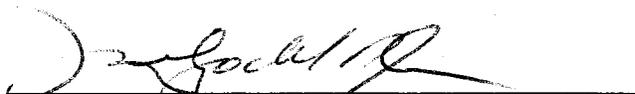
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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Murray B. Greenberg, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on July 27, 2011.

  
Milagro del R. Salmeron  
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