

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Subcommittee on Moral Character

FROM: Debra Lawson, Director, Moral Character Determinations

SUBJECT: Steven Glass Decision

On January 27, 2014, the Supreme Court of the State of California issued its decision concerning *In re Stephen Randall Glass on Admission*. Glass's Application for Determination of Moral Character had been denied by the Committee at its January 31, 2009 meeting, and Glass sought review of this decision by requesting a hearing in the State Bar Court. Both the Hearing Department and then the Review Department of the State Bar Court found that Glass had demonstrated rehabilitation from his misconduct and had the requisite good moral character for admission. The Committee then appealed to the California Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's decision declines to admit Glass, finding that he "failed to carry his heavy burden of establishing his rehabilitation and current fitness."

A copy of the California Supreme Court's opinion is attached. The Committee of Bar Examiners may wish to discuss how the decision will impact its operations.