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In the Matter of

**ARTHUR GEORGE CRABTREE,**

A Member of the State Bar.

) 05-C-00606

) **RECOMMENDATION OF**  
) **SUMMARY DISBARMENT**

On May 18, 2010 the State Bar filed a request for recommendation of summary disbarment based on Arthur George Crabtree's conviction of several felonies. Crabtree did not file a response. We grant the request and recommend that Crabtree be summarily disbarred.

On July 14, 2006, following a jury trial, Crabtree was convicted of five felony counts of criminal misconduct: one count of attempted lewd act upon a child under the age of 14 (Pen. Code §§ 664/288, subd. (a)); one count of lewd act upon a child who was 14 or 15 years old and at least 10 years younger than respondent (Pen. Code § 288, subd. (c)(1)); and three counts of attempted sending of harmful matter to minor with intent to seduce (Pen. Code §§ 664/288.2, subd. (b)).<sup>1</sup> As a result of Crabtree's conviction we placed him on interim suspension effective October 16, 2006, and he has remained suspended since that time. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6102, subd. (a).) The conviction is now final.

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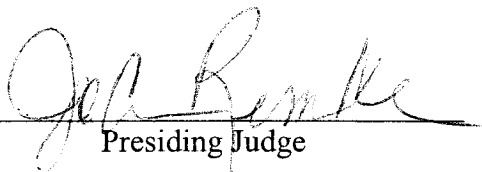
<sup>1</sup> Crabtree was also convicted of violating Penal Code sections 664/647.6, subdivision (a), and 647.6, subdivision (a), misdemeanors which may or may not involve moral turpitude.

Crabtree's conviction is conclusive proof that he committed the crimes. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6101, subd. (a).) The record of conviction establishes that his conviction meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c). First, the offenses are felonies. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 6102, subd. (b).) Second, these offenses involve moral turpitude per se. All of the felonies Crabtree committed involved the intent to arouse, appeal to or gratify the lust or passions or sexual desires of the accused or the child. (*In re Lesansky* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 11, 17 [Pen. Code § 288, subd. (c)(1)]; *People v. Raley* (1992) 2 Cal.4th 870, 907 [Pen. Code § 288, subd. (a)]; *People v. Hsu* (2000) 82 Cal.App.4th 976, 989 [violation of Pen. Code § 261.5, subd. (c), if sender knows the recipient is a minor, knows the transmitted matter is harmful, intends to arouse the minor's sexual desires, and intends to seduce the minor].) A person who acts with such intent necessarily intends to harm the child, and "such conduct is 'extremely repugnant to accepted moral standards' and necessarily involves moral turpitude for purposes of attorney discipline. [Citations.]" (*In re Lesansky, supra*, 25 Cal.4th at p. 17.)

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 Arthur George Crabtree, State Bar number 171983, be summarily disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that he be ordered to comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court and to perform the acts specified in paragraphs (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 45 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.

  
Presiding Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

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### RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY DISBARMENT FILED AUGUST 5, 2010

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on August 5, 2010.

  
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