

misdemeanor under Penal Code section 17, subdivision (b) was denied, and he was sentenced. On October 9, 2015, his motion to reduce his conviction from a felony to a misdemeanor was granted under Penal Code section 17, subdivision (b).

Since respondent has been convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 20001, subdivision (a) (leaving scene of accident resulting in injury or death), a felony that may or may not involve moral turpitude;¹ and Penal Code section 192, subdivision (c)(2) (vehicular manslaughter), a misdemeanor that may or may not involve moral turpitude, it is ordered pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6102 that respondent be suspended from the practice of law effective February 22, 2016, pending final disposition of this proceeding. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a).) It is further ordered that respondent comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20, and perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 days, respectively, after the effective date of this suspension.

PURCELL

Presiding Judge

¹ The Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) proposes a per se moral turpitude classification for Respondent's violation of Vehicle Code section 20001, subdivision (a). We decline to change the classification of Vehicle Code section 20001, subdivision (a), which has been consistently classified as an offense that "may or may not" involve moral turpitude. (See *In the Matter of Dana H. Anderson*, State Bar Court, case no. 03-C-03843; *In the Matter of Richard DiStefano*, State Bar Court, case no. 03-C-02338.) The cases cited by OCTC, *People v. Bautista* (1990) 217 Cal.App.3d 1, and *People v. Dewey* (1996) 42 Cal.App.4th 216, involve the classification of a crime for impeachment, not attorney discipline.