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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

IN BANK

In the Matter of	)	Case No. 14-C-04558
	)	
JOHN CODY,	)	ORDER
AKA BOBBY THOMPSON,	)	
	)	
A Member of the State Bar, No. 93300.	)	
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Since respondent John Cody Aka Bobby Thompson, State Bar Number 93300, has been convicted of violating: Ohio Revised Code section 2913.02, subdivision (A)(3) (complicity to theft); seven counts of Ohio Revised Code section 1315.55, subdivision (A)(1) and (A)(3) (complicity to money laundering); and two counts of Ohio Revised Code section 29913.42, subdivision (A)(2) (tampering with records), which are felonies involving moral turpitude, it is ordered pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6102, that respondent be suspended from the practice of law effective April 2, 2018, pending final disposition of this proceeding. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a).) It is also 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.

In its Transmittal of Records of Conviction of Attorney filed January 17, 2018, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) stated that respondent had also been convicted of violating one count of Ohio Revised Code section 2923.32(A)(1) (Engaging in pattern of corrupt activity), and 12 counts of Ohio Revised Code section 2913.49(B) (Identity



Fraud) (11 of these 12 counts were dismissed on appeal). OCTC stated that these convictions were felonies involving moral turpitude. However, it appears that the conviction for identity fraud is a misdemeanor in California because the analogous California statute, Penal Code section 530.5, is a misdemeanor. It also appears that the conviction for engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity is a felony which may or may not involve moral turpitude because the indictment charged that respondent “at least recklessly” engaged in a pattern of corrupt activity. In this circumstance it is not clear that the crime involves moral turpitude per se. (See *In re Alkow* (1966) 64 Cal.2d 838, 841 [vehicular manslaughter conviction did not involve moral turpitude per se but did involve moral turpitude based on facts underlying conviction].)

Within 10 days of the date of this order, OCTC is ordered to provide further analysis and legal support regarding its contention that respondent’s convictions of Ohio Revised Code section 2923.32(A)(1) (Engaging in pattern of corrupt activity), and of Ohio Revised Code section 2913.49(B) (Identity Fraud) should be classified as requested by OCTC in the conviction transmittal.

Respondent will have 10 days from the service of OCTC’s filing to respond.

**PURCELL**

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Presiding Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

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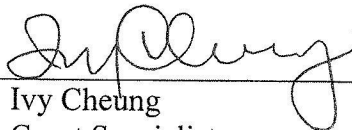
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 8, 2018.



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Ivy Cheung  
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