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In the Matter of)	Case No. 15-C-14276
)	
JEFFREY LEMASTERS TAHIR,)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar, No. 216412.)	
_____)	

On January 24, 2017, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed a motion for summary disbarment based on Jeffrey Lemasters Tahir's felony conviction. Tahir did not respond. We grant the motion and recommend that Tahir be summarily disbarred.

On March 8, 2016, Tahir pled guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code section 470, subdivision (b) (forgery). Effective May 9, 2016, Tahir was placed on interim suspension from the practice of law. With its motion for summary disbarment, OCTC submitted evidence that the conviction had become final. Specifically, no party filed an appeal within 60 days after pronouncement of judgment. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.308.) Therefore, the conviction is 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 both criteria for summary disbarment.



First, Tahir was charged with and pled guilty to felony forgery. (See also Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (b); Pen. Code, §§ 17, 473, 1170, subd. (h).)

Second, Tahir's forgery conviction necessarily involves the specific intent to defraud. (Pen. Code, § 470, subd. (b).) Crimes involving the intent to defraud involve moral turpitude per se. (*In re Kelley* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 487, 494; see also *In re Prantil* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 227, 234 [forgery is a serious crime involving moral turpitude]; *In re Johnson* (1992) 1 Cal.4th 689, 700, fn. 6 [forgery is an offense involving moral turpitude].) Accordingly, Tahir's conviction qualifies him for summary disbarment.

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 Jeffrey Lemasters Tahir, State Bar number 216412, be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that he be ordered to comply with California Rules of Court, rule 9.20 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 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.

PURCELL

Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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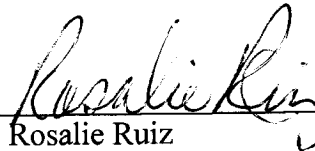
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on March 14, 2017.



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