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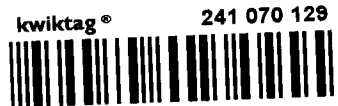
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In the Matter of)	Case No. 17-C-04069
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JAMES MICHAEL IBOLD)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
AKA JAMES MIGUEL IBOLD,)	DISBARMENT
)	
A Member of the State Bar, No. 157915.)	
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On August 6, 2018, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed a request for summary disbarment based on the felony conviction of James Michael Ibold, a.k.a. James Miguel Ibold. Ibold did not respond. We grant the request and recommend that Ibold be summarily disbarred.

On February 20, 2018, Ibold was convicted of one count of violating Penal Code section 311.11(a) (possession or control of child pornography). OCTC transmitted evidence of Ibold's conviction on April 11, 2018. On May 4, 2018, we ordered that Ibold be placed on interim suspension, effective May 29, 2018, pending the final disposition of his proceeding. On August 6, 2018, OCTC transmitted evidence that Ibold did not file a notice of appeal within the statutory period following the entry of judgment. Therefore, the conviction is final. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a).)

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, Ibold’s offense is a felony. (Pen. Code § 311.11(a) [possession or control of child pornography is a felony, and is punishable by either a fine, imprisonment up to 1 year, or both].) Second, Ibold’s conviction for possession or control of child pornography involves moral turpitude as a matter of law. (*In re Grant* (2014) 58 Cal.4th 469 [felonious possession of child pornography is moral turpitude per se because the crime involves exploitation of children and shows flagrant disrespect for the law and societal norms].) Accordingly, Ibold’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 James Michael Ibold a.k.a. James Miguel Ibold, State Bar number 157915, 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)]

I am a Court Specialist of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on September 24, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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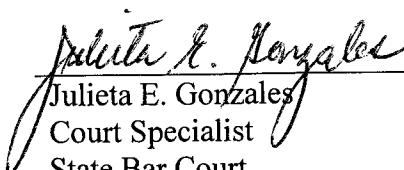
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

Kevin B. Taylor, Enforcement, San Francisco

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on September 24, 2018.



Julieta E. Gonzales
Court Specialist
State Bar Court