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REVIEW DEPARTMENT**

**En Banc**

In the Matter of ) SBC-20-C-30155  
MICHAEL JOHN AVENATTI, ) ORDER  
State Bar No. 206929. )  
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Respondent Michael John Avenatti has been convicted of violating title 18 United States Code sections 1951 and 2 (attempted extortion) and title 18 United States Code sections 1343 and 1346 (wire fraud), felonies involving moral turpitude. Respondent has also been convicted of violating title 18 United States Code section 875(d) and 2 (transmission of interstate communication with intent to extort), a felony we have not previously classified. The Office of Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) asks that we classify this conviction as involving moral turpitude per se. Respondent has not filed a response.

Based on his felony convictions, it is ordered pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6102 that respondent be suspended from the practice of law effective May 4, 2020, 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.

Within 10 days of the filing date of this order, OCTC is to submit briefing that supports its request that respondent's conviction for violating title 18 United States Code section 875(d) and 2 should be classified as involving moral turpitude per se. Respondent will have 10 days from the service of OCTC's filing to respond. Within 120 days of the date of this order, OCTC is also ordered to submit evidence of finality or provide an update on finality.

**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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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on April 9, 2020.



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