

IN RE: JAMES J. MARTIN

BBO # 669026

629 Randall Road

Ludlow, Massachusetts 01056-1079

NO. BD-2019-014

Order (Acceptance of Affidavit of Resignation and Judgment of Disbarment) entered by the Supreme Judicial Court on June 1, 2023¹

The respondent's Affidavit of Resignation was accepted and a Judgment of Disbarment entered retroactive to March 11, 2019, the entry date of the respondent's temporary suspension.

SUMMARY²

The respondent submitted an Affidavit of Resignation to the Board of Bar Overseers, see S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15, in which he described two criminal convictions against him, both for indecent assault and battery. In the first matter, he was found guilty on January 14, 2019, after trial, of three counts of violation of M.G.L. c. 265, § 13H, and sentenced to eighteen months in jail, six months to serve and two years of probation with conditions. On May 14, 2019, he pled guilty in the second matter to three counts of violation of M.G.L. c. 265, § 13H. On the first count, he was sentenced to two years in jail to be served consecutively with his first sentence. On the second count, he was sentenced to two years in jail to be served consecutively with count one. The third count conviction resulted in a term of probation for four years, with conditions. The criminal conduct occurred in connection with the practice of law. The respondent completed his jail sentence in June 2022, and was released from prison on conditions.

As the result of his convictions, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the practice of law on March 11, 2019. Citing his convictions for serious crimes, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline, charging the respondent with violation of Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h). The respondent agreed, in his Affidavit of Resignation, not to contest the facts charged in the petition for discipline.

By vote dated May 8, 2023, the Board of Bar Overseers recommended to the S.J.C. that it accept the respondent's Affidavit of Resignation and that an Order of Disbarment enter, retroactive to March 11, 2019, the date of the respondent's temporary suspension.

¹ The complete order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

² Compiled by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers' Office of General Counsel based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.

On June 1, 2023, Justice Lowy accepted the respondent's Affidavit of Resignation and ordered the entry of a Judgment of Disbarment, retroactive to March 11, 2019, the entry date of the respondent's temporary suspension.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

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JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF AFFIDAVIT OF RESIGNATION

This matter came before the Court, Lowy, J., on an Affidavit of Resignation pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15 submitted by James J. Martin, with the Recommendation and Vote of the Board of Bar Overseers and a letter dated April 27, 2023 from assistant bar counsel to general counsel of the Board recommending that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and that a judgment of disbarment enter, filed by the Board on May 26, 2023. Upon consideration thereof, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

The affidavit of resignation be, and hereby is, accepted and James J. Martin is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in the Commonwealth retroactive to March 11, 2019, the entry date of his temporary suspension, and the lawyer's name is forthwith stricken from the Roll of Attorneys.

By the Court, (Lowy, J.)

/s/ Maura S. Doyle
Clerk

Entered: June 1, 2023