

IN RE JOSEPH A BARRESE

BBO # 635352

NO. BD-2023-104

Judgment (Disbarment) entered by Justice Wendlandt on September 25, 2024.¹

The respondent resigned and was disbarred following his convictions for felony assault and/or battery and disorderly conduct.

SUMMARY²

The respondent's affidavit of resignation was accepted, and he was disbarred, based on his October 2022 Rhode Island state court convictions for one count of felony assault and / or battery and one count of disorderly conduct. The convictions stemmed from an altercation in which the respondent stabbed an individual in the chest with a knife. After being found guilty by a jury, he was sentenced to five years in prison with two years to serve and three years of probation with mental health counseling.

The respondent was previously indefinitely suspended in April 2005 for unrelated misconduct involving converting the settlement funds of four separate clients. Matter of Barrese, 21 Mass. Att'y Disc. R. 30 (2005). He was reinstated in July 2010. Matter of Barrese, 26 Mass. Att'y Disc. R. 29 (2010). On November 10, 2023, he was temporarily suspended pending the outcome of these disciplinary proceedings.

The respondent's affidavit of resignation came before the Board at its September 2024 meeting, when the Board voted to recommend that the Court accept the resignation and disbar the respondent, retroactive to November 10, 2023, the date of his temporary suspension. On September 25, 2024, the Court, (Wendlandt, J.) so ordered.

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.

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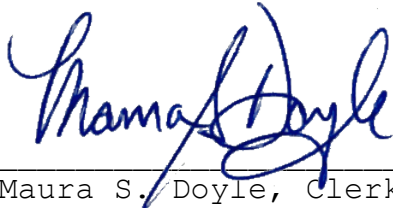
JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF
AFFIDAVIT OF RESIGNATION

This matter came before the Court, Wendlandt, J., on an Affidavit of Resignation submitted by Joseph A. Barrese pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15, a letter from Bar Counsel to General Counsel dated July 25, 2024, and the recommendation and vote of the Board of Bar Overseers (Board) filed by the Board on September 19, 2024.

Upon consideration thereof, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

The Affidavit of Resignation of Joseph A. Barrese be, and hereby is accepted, and the lawyer is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in the Commonwealth retroactive to November 10, 2023, the date of his temporary suspension, and the lawyer's name is forthwith stricken from the Roll of Attorneys.

By the Court, (Wendlandt, J.)



Maura S. Doyle, Clerk

Dated: Sept. 25, 2024