

**IN RE: WILLIAM L. SHAINÉ**

**NO. BD-2015-023**

**S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Lenk on March 26, 2015.<sup>1</sup>**

**SUMMARY<sup>2</sup>**

This matter came before the Court on the respondent's affidavit of resignation pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15. In the affidavit, the respondent acknowledged that the following facts could be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. The respondent, as co-trustee of two trusts, failed to safeguard and account for trust assets in the amount of at least \$123,000 and has not made full restitution to the trusts. The respondent also acknowledged that a hearing committee, the board and the Supreme Judicial Court would conclude that he had violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(b), (d) and (f) and 8.4(h).

In mitigation, the respondent stated that through a period of time of the misconduct, he was debilitated as a result of undergoing aggressive cancer treatment and pain management.

On March 9, 2015, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and that the respondent be disbarred. The Court (Lenk, J.) so ordered on March 26, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> The complete Order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.