

IN RE: HIRAM N. PAN

NO. BD-2015-044

S.J.C. Judgment Accepting Affidavit of Resignation as a Disciplinary Sanction entered by Justice Cordy on May 27, 2015, with an effective date of June 26, 2015.¹

SUMMARY²

This matter came before the Board of Bar Overseers and the Court on the respondent's affidavit of resignation pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 4:01, § 15. In the affidavit, the respondent acknowledged that sufficient evidence existed to warrant findings that the material facts summarized below could be proved by a preponderance of the evidence.

The respondent was admitted to practice in the Commonwealth on December 20, 1990. In his capacity as escrow agent, the respondent intentionally misused at least \$30,000 in deposits that he was holding in his client trust account on behalf of buyers and sellers of real estate. In response to bar counsel's investigation of such matters, the respondent created false bank records in order to conceal his misuse of funds in his client trust account.

By his conduct, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(b) and Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c), among other rules of professional conduct.

On April 27, 2015, the respondent filed an affidavit of resignation. Bar counsel recommended that the affidavit be accepted as a disciplinary sanction.

On May 11, 2015, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted as a disciplinary sanction. On May 27, 2015, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County accepted the affidavit of resignation as a disciplinary sanction, effective thirty days after the date of the entry of the judgment.

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 Board of Bar Overseers based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.