

**IN RE: DEBORAH A. ANTHONY****NO. BD-2015-060****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Cordy on May 10, 2016.<sup>1</sup>****SUMMARY<sup>2</sup>**

This matter came before the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County on an affidavit of resignation pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15.

In the affidavit of resignation, the respondent admitted that bar counsel could prove by a preponderance of the evidence that she had misappropriated funds for multiple clients in probate and estate matters over a period of time and that she used funds from subsequent cases to pay obligations owed on earlier cases, including that she misused approximately \$188,000 from one estate, that the balance in her IOLTA account is approximately \$188,000 short of the amount that should be on deposit for that estate, and that she did not have adequate funds to pay off this obligation.

The respondent further admitted that a hearing committee, the board, and the Supreme Judicial Court would conclude that she had violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(b) and (c) and Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c), (d), (g), and (h) and 8.1(a) and (b).

On May 4, 2016, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and that the respondent be disbarred. The Court so ordered on May 10, 2016.

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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.