

IN RE: BRANDON DAVID ROSS

NO. BD-2016-102

**S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Lenk on November 18, 2016,
with an effective date of December 18, 2016.¹**

SUMMARY²

The respondent, Brandon David Ross, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on November 30, 2010. On November 18, 2016, the Supreme Judicial Court issued a judgment of disbarment.

The respondent was admitted to practice in the State of New Hampshire on May 26, 2010. On September 19, 2016, the Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire issued an order disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in New Hampshire. The order was based on a Stipulation to Disbarment filed by the respondent with New Hampshire's Professional Conduct Committee. In the stipulation, the respondent admitted that he had misappropriated funds from a special needs trust, failed to account for client funds in his possession, filed false trust accounting certificates, and failed to respond to disciplinary counsel's lawful demand for information. The respondent also conceded in the stipulation that his conduct violated New Hampshire Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (requiring competent representation), 1.3 (requiring diligent representation), 1.4 (requiring adequate communication with clients), 1.15 (requiring the safeguarding of client property and trust account record-keeping), 3.3 (prohibiting knowingly false statements to tribunal), 8.1(b) (prohibiting false statements in connection with a disciplinary matter), 8.4(a) (making it professional misconduct to violate rules of professional conduct) and 8.4(c) (prohibiting conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or misrepresentation).

On September 30, 2016, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, and the order of the New Hampshire court. After a hearing on November 15, 2016, the Supreme Judicial Court (Lenk, J) on November 18, 2016, disbarred the respondent, 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.