

IN RE: LAYN M. SAINT-LOUIS

NO. BD-2016-119

**S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Budd on
December 29, 2016, with an effective date of January 28, 2017.¹**

SUMMARY²

The respondent, Layn M. Saint-Louis, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 20, 1996. On December 29, the Supreme Judicial Court issued a Judgment of Disbarment.

The respondent was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 1998. On October 27, 2016, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued an order disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in the District of Columbia, effective 30 days from the issuance of the Order.

The Order was entered on the respondent's appeal from the Report and Recommendation of the District of Columbia Board on Professional Responsibility after formal disciplinary proceedings were instituted by Disciplinary Counsel. The Board determined that the respondent had commingled client and personal funds, failed to deposit client funds in an escrow account, intentionally misappropriated client funds and engaged in other dishonest conduct, in violation of District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a), (c), (d) and (e) and 8.4(c). The Court affirmed the findings, as well as the recommendation of the Board that the respondent be disbarred.

On November 16, 2016, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, and the order of the District of Columbia Appeals Court. On November 16, 2016, an Order of Notice issued and was served on the lawyer directing him to inform the Court within thirty days from service why the imposition of the identical discipline would be unwarranted in Massachusetts. In response, the respondent notified the Court that he was not challenging the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline.

On December 29, 2016, Judge Budd 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.