

IN RE: PATRICK G. LYLE

NO. BD-2017-124

S.J.C. Order of Indefinite Suspension entered by Justice Budd on April 19, 2018.¹

SUMMARY²

The respondent, Patrick G. Lyle, is an attorney duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on February 21, 2003. He was also admitted to practice in the State of Connecticut.

On September 1, 2017, the respondent submitted a Resignation of Attorney Affidavit Pursuant to § 2-52(b) of the Connecticut Practice Book. In the affidavit, dated September 1, 2017, the respondent acknowledged that there were two pending grievance complaints against him, alleging that he had committed professional misconduct. The respondent further acknowledged that there was sufficient evidence to prove by clear and convincing evidence that he had violated Connecticut Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 and 8.1. The underlying matters involves the respondent's misuse of client funds that had been deposited to his IOLTA account.

On November 7, 2017, the Connecticut Superior Court for Hartford endorsed an Acceptance of Resignation and Waiver. On December 29, 2017, bar counsel filed with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline. On February 26, 2018, the respondent filed a response in which he asked the Court not to impose reciprocal discipline.

After hearing before Judge Budd on March 14, 2018, at which both parties were present, the parties jointly assented to the entry of an order whereby the respondent would be indefinitely suspended from the bar of Massachusetts, retroactive to November 2, 2017. The Court issued the Order of Indefinite Suspension on April 19, 2018, retroactive to November 2, 2017.

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.