

IN RE: PETER LAWRENCE ELEEY

NO. BD-2019-080

**S.J.C. Judgment accepting Affidavit of Resignation as a Disciplinary Sanction
entered by Justice Kafker on October 2, 2019.¹**

SUMMARY²

This matter came before the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County on an affidavit of resignation submitted pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15 and a recommendation and vote of the Board of Bar Overseers.

In the affidavit of resignation, the respondent admitted that he intentionally misappropriated approximately \$5,441.00 in settlement funds causing the client to be deprived of those funds for a period of time until restitution was paid. This misconduct occurred at the same time as other conduct that resulted in an indefinite suspension, effective October 12, 2012. The client was aware of the misuse of his funds and deprivation at or about the time it occurred but did not report the misconduct at that time. Instead, the client chose to have the respondent perform non legal work to repay the funds. The client reported the misconduct after he and the respondent had a falling out in 2017.

The respondent admitted that a hearing committee, the Board and the Court would conclude that he had violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(c) and Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c) and (h).

On September 9, 2019, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation as a disciplinary sanction be accepted. The Court so ordered on October 2, 2019.

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.