

**IN RE: ERIC L. LEVINE****NO. BD-2010-058****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on January 30, 2012.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Eric L. Levine, was suspended by the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County on July 17, 2003 in *Matter of Levine*, 19 Mass. Att'y Disc. Rep. 239 (2003). On April 15, 2004, he was held in contempt of the suspension order and prohibited from applying for reinstatement for four years. *Matter of Levine*, 20 Mass. Att'y Disc. Rep. 3 (2004). He was not reinstated from the 2003 suspension.

On January 21, 2011, the respondent was convicted in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts of one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 371, forty-one counts of wire fraud in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 1343, and nineteen counts of money laundering in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 1957. The convictions arose from a scheme fraudulently to secure financing for real estate properties owned, controlled, or acquired by the defendants. The respondent was sentenced to a total term of imprisonment of 144 months followed by two years of supervised release.

On January 25, 2011, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline alleging that the respondent's criminal conduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (c). The respondent did not file an answer to the petition for discipline and otherwise did not participate in the bar discipline proceedings. Bar counsel filed with the Board of Bar Overseers as matters in aggravation the reports of the respondent's 2003 suspension and 2004 contempt finding as well as a private reprimand administered in 1984 reported as PR-84-20, 4 Mass. Att'y Disc. Rep. 212 (1984), and a public censure reported as *Matter of Levine*, 11 Mass. Att'y Disc. Rep. 162 (1995). Bar counsel recommended that the respondent be disbarred effective as of the date of entry of the judgment.

On April 11, 2011, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the respondent be disbarred, effective on the entry date of the judgment. The board filed an information and the record of proceedings in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. A hearing was conducted on January 23, 2012. The respondent had been notified of the hearing by order of notice dated January 5, 2012, and had not responded to the notice. On January 30, 2012, the county court (Botsford, J.) entered a judgment of disbarment effective on the entry date.

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.