

**IN RE: DANIEL J. WILKINS****NO. BD-2010-074****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Cordy on April 22, 2011.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Daniel J. Wilkins, was admitted to the bar of the commonwealth on December 17, 1986. He was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law effective March 11, 2006, in *Matter of Wilkins*, 22 Mass. Att’y Disc. R. 800 (2006).

On June 10, 2010, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts in district court to operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license in violation of G.L. c. 90, § 23; operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in violation of G.L. c. 90, § 34J; and receiving stolen property in violation of G.L. c. 266, § 60. The stolen property was a rear license plate registered to another person who had reported it stolen.

On November 3, 2010, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline alleging that the respondent’s admission to sufficient facts constituted convictions as defined by S. J. C. Rule 4:01, § 12(1), and that receiving stolen property was a “serious crime” as defined by S. J. C. Rule 4:01, § 12(3). The respondent was also charged with failing to report his convictions within ten days, in violation of the requirements of S. J. C. Rule 4:01, § 12(8). The petition alleged that the respondent’s conduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b), (c), (d), and (h).

The respondent did not file an answer to the petition for discipline and was defaulted. Bar counsel was permitted to submit evidence in aggravation and filed with the Board of Bar Overseers the record of the respondent’s indefinite suspension. The respondent was served with the notice of default and bar counsel’s submission in aggravation.

On December 28, 2010, the board notified the parties that the matter would be considered at a meeting to be held on February 14, 2011, and invited memoranda of law on sanction. On December 29, 2010, bar counsel filed a memorandum of law to support disbarment to take effect on the date of entry of the judgment. The memorandum was sent to the respondent. The respondent did not file a memorandum or any other pleading.

On March 14, 2011, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County that the respondent be disbarred effective on the date of entry of the judgment. The board mailed the vote to the respondent.

On March 24, 2011, the board filed in the county court an information and the record of proceedings. The county court issued an order of notice directing the respondent to appear for hearing on April 14, 2011. Bar counsel attended the hearing, but the respondent did not attend. On April 22, 2011, the county court (Cordy, J.), entered a judgment of disbarment.

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.