

**IN RE: JOHN STANLEY MORSE****NO. BD-2011-028****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Spina on November 23, 2011.<sup>1</sup>****SUMMARY<sup>2</sup>**

On October 29, 2009, the respondent, John Stanley Morse, was suspended by the Supreme Court of Florida for ninety-one days. The suspension was based upon the following misconduct.

In March of 2007, the respondent was suspended by the Florida court for ninety days. On November 16, 2007, the respondent was held in contempt by the court for a failure to comply with the ninety-day suspension and was suspended for ninety-one days. Then, on Sunday, January 13, 2008, while suspended, the respondent filed with a Florida court a motion for the immediate transfer of a defendant, his son, to an inpatient psychiatric hospital. The son had been detained in a county jail since December 14, 2007. The respondent had received information that his son was in need of immediate psychiatric hospitalization, and the son's attorney was out of town and unavailable.

The respondent did not report the Florida discipline to Massachusetts bar counsel, as required by S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16(6).

On March 21, 2011, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The parties waived hearing and assented to the entry of an order of a ninety-one day suspension, with reinstatement in Massachusetts subject to the respondent's reinstatement in Florida. On November 23, 2011, the Court (Spina, J.) so ordered.

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<sup>1</sup> The complete Order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.