

**IN RE: JAMES C. HYDE****NO. BD-2011-055****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Cordy on August 11, 2016.¹****SUMMARY²**

On May 16, 2011, James C. Hyde (“respondent”), who was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 19, 1979, was convicted after trial by jury in the Essex Superior Court on two counts of filing a false motor vehicle insurance claim in violation of G.L. c. 266, § 111B; two counts of attempt to commit a crime in violation of G.L. c. 274, § 6; and two counts of larceny over \$250 in violation of G.L. c. 266, § 30(1). The conviction resulted from insurance claims the respondent submitted on behalf of a number of clients purportedly injured in two staged automobile accidents.

On the two counts of filing a false motor vehicle insurance claim, the respondent was sentenced to concurrent terms of two and one-half years in the house of correction. On the other counts, the respondent was sentenced to five years of probation from and after his committed sentence, with restitution to be determined. The sentences were stayed pending appeal.

As a result of his conviction, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the practice of law on August 25, 2011. On August 30, 2011, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline with the Board of Bar Overseers. Further proceedings were deferred pending the respondent’s appeal of his conviction, which was affirmed by the Appeals Court on December 21, 2015. Commonwealth v. Hyde, 88 Mass.App.Ct. 761 (2015).

On June 27, 2016, bar counsel and the respondent filed with the board a stipulation recommending that the respondent be disbarred, effective retroactive to August 25, 2011. On July 11, 2016, the board voted to accept the parties’ recommendation. On August 11, 2016, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Cordy, J.) entered a judgment of disbarment, retroactive to August 25, 2011.

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.