

**IN RE: EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.****NO. BD-2011-060****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Spina on February 23, 2012.¹****SUMMARY²**

On November 4, 2001, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts and was therefore convicted in Edgartown District Court of two counts of larceny over \$250. In early 2011, the respondent represented a seller in one real estate transaction and represented buyers in another unrelated real estate transaction. The respondent intentionally withheld approximately \$190,000 owed to the seller in the first transaction and approximately \$400,000 owed to others from the proceeds in the second transaction, and he used these funds for his own benefit. The respondent has made full restitution to the appropriate parties. Both of these crimes are felonies. The cases were continued without a finding until October 30, 2013, with probationary conditions, including 100 hours of community service.

The respondent was temporarily suspended on July 7, 2011. He fully complied with the order of suspension.

On January 20, 2012, the respondent submitted an affidavit of resignation pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15. He admitted to the convictions and that his conduct had violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15(b)(1), (c), and (d) and 8.4(b), (c), and (h). Bar counsel asked the Board of Bar Overseers to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted, that a judgment of disbarment enter, and that the effective date of the disbarment be retroactive to July 7, 2011, the effective date of the of the order of temporary suspension.

On February 13, 2012, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and that an order of disbarment be entered effective on July 7, 2011, the date of his temporary suspension. On February 23, 2012, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Spina, J.) entered a judgment accepting the affidavit of resignation and ordering disbarment retroactive to July 7, 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.