

**IN RE: RICHARD GLENNAN CERVIZZI****NO. BD-2011-089****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Spina on November 23, 2011.¹****SUMMARY²**

On April 4, 2005, the respondent, Richard Glennan Cervizzi, was disbarred by the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. The disbarment was based upon the following misconduct.

In July of 2003, the respondent was summarily suspended from the practice of law by the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar for his failure to comply with his tax obligations. The respondent received notice of the suspension but failed to inform his clients, courts, opposing counsel or other required individuals or agencies of the suspension. He failed to assist many of his clients in obtaining new counsel and abandoned most of his clients and the legal matters they had entrusted to him. While he initially responded to two grievances filed against him with the Maine Bar Counsel, he subsequently ignored Bar Counsel's and the Board's efforts to contact him about grievances and the whereabouts of his clients' files.

The respondent continued to represent clients in court after the effective date of the suspension in at least two matters. In one, a criminal case, he signed a document on August 7, 2003, but backdated it to July 31, 2003, and filed it with a court as if it had been signed before his suspension. In another matter concerning a loan transaction that the respondent had handled as settlement agent, he admitted that he owed \$990 to a mortgage broker but never made the payment.

On April 28, 2004, the Maine Court ordered the respondent to turn over his former clients' files to Bar Counsel by May 7, 2004. He did not comply until January 19, 2005. He lost all or parts of files of some clients.

In December of 2004, the Board filed with the Court and served on the respondent a disciplinary information seeking the respondent's disbarment. The respondent did not respond and was defaulted. The Court then heard the matter on March 31, 2005. The respondent did not appear but hand-delivered a letter on March 30, 2005, stating that he did not oppose his disbarment.

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

On August 31, 2011, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The Court issued an order of notice giving the respondent thirty days to show cause why reciprocal discipline should not be ordered in Massachusetts. The respondent did not reply to the order of notice and did not appear at a hearing held on November 15, 2011. On November 23, 2011, the Court (Spina, J.) entered an order disbaring the respondent effective immediately and striking his name from the roll of attorneys. The order also provided that the respondent's reinstatement to the Massachusetts bar will be conditioned on his reinstatement in Maine.

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.