

**IN RE: CRAIG NEWELL CULLEN****NO. BD-2012-056****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Lenk on November 8, 2012.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Craig Newell Cullen, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on June 13, 2011. On June 13, 2012, he admitted to sufficient facts in Quincy District Court to assault and battery in violation of G. L. c. 265, § 13A(a). The charge arose from the respondent's assault on his fiancée during an argument. The case was continued without a finding until May 21, 2013, and the respondent was placed on supervised probation with conditions including that he abstain from drugs and alcohol and enter a batterer's program. The respondent's criminal conduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h).

On June 19, 2012, the respondent was found in violation of probation by having a positive test for illegal substances. The court continued the probation and added additional conditions of testing and counseling. The respondent's violation of probation violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 3.4(c) and 8.4(d) and (h).

On August 31, 2012, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline. On October 3, 2012, the respondent filed an amended answer admitting to the allegations of the petition. The parties stipulated that the respondent abused alcohol and other substances. They asked the Board of Bar Overseers to recommend that the respondent be suspended from the practice of law for six months with two months of actual suspension, that his reinstatement after two months be subject to specified conditions, and that the remaining term of the suspension be suspended for two years subject to specified conditions.

On October 15, 2012, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to accept the stipulation of the parties. An information and the record of proceedings were filed in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. On November 8, 2012, the county court (Lenk, J.) entered an order of suspension for six months, with four months of the suspension stayed for a period of two years subject to the specified conditions and with reinstatement after two months of actual suspension subject to specified conditions.

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.