**IN RE: EDWARD A. VOCI**

**NO. BD-2012-077**

**S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Duffly on January 30, 2013.** [1]

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[1] The complete Order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

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SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter came before me on a petition for reciprocal discipline, S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, together with a May 18, 2012, order of the Supreme Court of Illinois suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that State for ninety days, with conditions that he reimburse the Illinois Client Protection Trust Fund for any payments made from that fund arising from his conduct before reinstatement in Illinois. The respondent failed to notify bar counsel of his suspension in Illinois, and failed to file an answer to bar counsel's petition for discipline. The allegations against him are deemed admitted. See S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 7(3). Accordingly, the sole issue before me is the sanction to be imposed.

Background. The hearing board of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (commission) determined

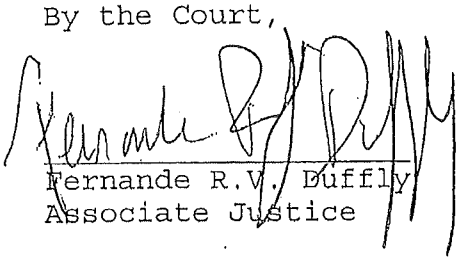
that, in a discrimination matter involving three clients, the respondent neglected the matter, failed to communicate adequately with his clients, and failed to provide competent representation. The respondent appeared and participated in the Illinois proceedings. In arriving at an appropriate sanction, the commission took into account the respondent's lengthy history of pro bono work in Illinois and extensive service to the community, and determined that a "short" suspension would be appropriate.

A hearing was held before me on November 20, 2012. The respondent did not appear. Bar counsel detailed his efforts to contact the respondent regarding his appearance at a hearing before the single justice to answer why the discipline imposed in Illinois should not be imposed in Massachusetts. While the August, 2012, order of notice to the respondent was returned as "attempted, not known," a second order of notice was sent by certified mail to a different address in Illinois, and was signed for at that residence by the respondent on September 26, 2012. A subsequent notice of the scheduled hearing was sent to the same address by certified mail, and was signed for by someone other than the respondent. The respondent has not responded to bar counsel, and has filed no response with this court. Moreover, the respondent has been administratively suspended in Massachusetts since 1995 for nonpayment of registration fees.

Disposition. An order shall enter suspending the respondent

from the practice of law in the Commonwealth for ninety days.

By the Court,



Fernande R.V. Duffly
Associate Justice

Entered: January 30, 2013