



IN RE: JAMES R. WILLIS, JR.

NO. BD-2012-095

S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Duffly on June 18, 2013.¹

SUMMARY²

James R. Willis Jr. was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 1, 2006. On August 23, 2012, he was convicted in Salem District Court of possession of a Class B drug with intent to distribute, a felony. He was sentenced to eighteen months in the house of correction, all suspended for two years, subject to conditions.

On March 21, 2013, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the practice of law. On April 18, 2013, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline alleging that the respondent's conviction constituted a violation of Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h). The respondent filed an answer admitting to the petition and the rule violations, and the parties agreed that the conviction did not involve the practice of law and that a three-year suspension effective as of the date of the temporary suspension was appropriate discipline.

On June 3, 2013, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to accept the stipulation of the parties. An information was filed with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, and, on June 18, 2013, the county court (Duffly, J.) entered an order suspending the respondent for three years retroactive to March 21, 2013.

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.