

**IN RE: FRANCIS X. HANLON****NO. BD-2012-113****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on February 26, 2013.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Francis X. Hanlon, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on May 15, 1968. He assumed retirement status on December 7, 2009.

On October 12, 2012, the respondent was convicted in the Boston Municipal Court of larceny over \$250, a felony. The criminal conduct occurred when the respondent was a partner at a Boston law firm and involved the practice of law.

On December 6, 2012, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the practice of law. On January 11, 2013, he submitted an affidavit of resignation to the Board of Bar Overseers pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15, admitting that he had been convicted of felony larceny while a partner at a law firm and that his conduct prior to January 1, 1998, violated Canon One, DR 1-102(A)(4) and (6), and Canon Nine, DR 9-102, and Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15 and 8.4(b), (c), and (h) for conduct occurring on or after January 1, 1998.

Bar counsel recommended to the board that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and that a judgment of disbarment enter retroactive to the effective date of the temporary suspension. On February 11, 2013, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court that the respondent's affidavit of resignation be accepted and that a judgment of disbarment enter retroactive to December 6, 2012.

On February 20, 2013, the board filed in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County the respondent's affidavit, bar counsel's recommendation, and its vote. On February 26, 2013, the county court (Botsford, J.) entered a judgment of disbarment effective retroactive to December 6, 2012, and accepted the affidavit of resignation.

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.