

**IN RE: JANET ANTHONY MASTRONARDI****NO. BD-2013-045****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Duffly on March 2, 2016.¹****SUMMARY²**

On July 16, 2014, Janet Anthony Mastronardi, who was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on July 20, 2005, entered a plea of nolo contendere in the Superior Court of Kent County, Rhode Island, to charges of embezzlement in violation of RI Gen L § 11-41-11, and exploitation of an elder in violation of RI Gen L § 11-68-2. The charges were based upon the respondent's misappropriation of funds from an elderly woman for whom she had been appointed guardian. The respondent was sentenced to seven years, with 30 months to be served in home confinement and 54 months suspended with probation.

Prior to her conviction, the respondent had been temporarily suspended by the Rhode Island Supreme Court based upon the pending charges. On July 8, 2013, the Supreme Judicial Court reciprocally entered an order temporarily suspending the respondent. On February 24, 2015, the Rhode Island Supreme Court entered an order disbarring the respondent.

On January 15, 2016, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County based upon the respondent's disbarment in Rhode Island. On February 29, 2016, the parties submitted to the court a waiver in which they agreed to the entry of an order disbarring the respondent, retroactive to July 8, 2013, the date of her temporary suspension. The parties further agreed that the respondent's reinstatement to the Massachusetts bar shall be conditioned upon her reinstatement in Rhode Island. On March 2, 2016, the Court (Duffly, J.) so ordered.

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.