

**IN RE: MIRA S. BURGARDT****NO. BD-2013-096****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Gants on October 9, 2013, with an effective date of November 8, 2013.¹****SUMMARY²**

From about May 2008 to September 2011, the respondent was employed by a law firm in Boston, Massachusetts. Between about June 2011 to September 2011, the respondent submitted requests to the firm for reimbursement of expenses totaling approximately \$6300, which the firm then paid. These expenses were personal and the respondent was not entitled to reimbursement, but the respondent intentionally misrepresented in the requests that the expenses were incurred in connection with firm business. The respondent supported the requests with falsified invoices.

On September 21, 2011, the firm questioned the respondent about the expenses, and the respondent acknowledged that the charges were for personal expenses. She was discharged from employment that day. The respondent reimbursed the firm for the payments she wrongfully received.

On August 28, 2013, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline alleging that the respondent's conduct in submitting false expense reports to the firm and in fabricating documents to support the false expense charges violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c) and (h). That same day, the respondent filed an answer admitting to the facts and rule violations alleged, and the parties filed a stipulation asking that the Board of Bar Overseers recommend a suspension of one year and one day.

On September 23, 2013, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to accept the parties' stipulation. The board filed an information with the Supreme Judicial Court of Suffolk County. On October 9, 2013, the county court (Gants, J.) entered an order suspending the respondent for one year and one day effective thirty days after entry of the order.

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.