



IN RE: PETER M. BIZINKAUSKAS
NO. BD-2013-115

S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension/Stayed entered by Justice Botsford on March 11, 2014.¹

SUMMARY²

On October 15, 2013, the respondent appeared in Wareham District Court as a defendant in two separate criminal matters. In the first matter, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts and was found guilty of operating under the influence of liquor or .08% in violation of G. L. c. 90, § 24(1)(a)(1), and he admitted to sufficient facts to resisting arrest in violation of G. L. c. 266, § 32B. On the conviction for operating under the influence, the respondent was placed on probation until October 14, 2014; the resisting arrest charge was continued without a finding until the same date. In the second matter, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts and was found guilty of operating under the influence or .08% in violation of G. L. c. 90, § 24(1)(a)(1), and negligent operation of a motor vehicle in violation of G. L. c. 90, § 24(2)(a). The respondent was placed on probation on both charges in the second matter until October 14, 2014, concurrent to the sentence imposed in the first matter.

In mitigation, the respondent's criminal conduct was not related to his representation of a client, and his crimes are misdemeanors. In addition to complying with standard probation conditions for a first-time conviction of driving under the influence, the respondent has completed an inpatient program at Gosnold Treatment Center, entered an outpatient program offered by Gosnold, regularly attended AA meetings, and is seeking weekly counseling through High Point Treatment Center. In aggravation, when the respondent was arrested on September 11, 2013, in the second matter, he was facing criminal charges for operating under the influence and resisting arrest on September 18, 2012. The respondent did not stop drinking alcohol until September 11, 2013.

This matter came before the Board of Bar Overseers on a stipulation of facts and rules violations and a joint recommendation that the respondent be suspended for three months, with the execution of the suspension stayed for one year on conditions. February 24, 2014, the board voted to accept the stipulation of the parties. On March 11, 2014, the Court (Botsford, J.) entered an Order of Term Suspension/Stayed suspending the respondent for three months, with execution stayed for one year on the conditions set forth in 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.