

**IN RE: MARK E. VERZANI****NO. BD-2014-004****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Duffly on March 22, 2016.¹****SUMMARY²**

Mark E. Verzani, the respondent, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on June 20, 1996. He was also a member of the New York bar.

On October 29, 2013, the respondent pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to one count of making false statements in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 1001, a felony. The respondent's conviction arose from his submission, on or about September 13, 2011, of a United States Customs and Border Protection Form 6059B on which he falsely stated that the only country he had visited while outside the United States was Mexico, when in fact he had also traveled to Cuba.

As a result of his conviction, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the practice of law in Massachusetts by order of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County on February 24, 2014. On October 31, 2014, the respondent filed a motion for relief from the temporary suspension. After a hearing and with the assent of both parties, the Court entered an amended order of temporary suspension on January 7, 2015.

On July 14, 2015, the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, for the First Judicial Department disbarred the respondent based upon his above conviction. On January 21, 2016, bar counsel filed with the Court a petition for reciprocal discipline based upon the New York disbarment. On March 22, 2016, the Court (Duffly, J.) entered a judgment disbarring the respondent, retroactive to January 7, 2015, the date of the amended order of temporary suspension.

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.