

**IN RE: PETER A. RILEY****NO. BD-2014-017****S.J.C Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Botsford on August 25, 2014 with and effective date of September 10, 2012.¹****SUMMARY²**

In reciprocal proceedings triggered by professional discipline in New Hampshire, the respondent, Peter A. Riley, received a two-year suspension for conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal, false attestations and violating probationary terms in New Hampshire.

On October 28, 2013, the respondent was suspended by the New Hampshire Supreme Court for two years, retroactive to September 10, 2012. The circumstances resulting in the respondent's suspension were as follows.

Beginning in 2009, the respondent was involved in a contentious divorce with his wife. The respondent engaged in overzealous, emotional and disruptive advocacy, including conduct intended to disrupt the tribunal, in violation of Rule 3.5 of the New Hampshire Rules of Professional Conduct. During the course of the divorce, it was also disclosed that the respondent had falsely attested the execution of a power of attorney in 2002 and a deed in 2005. This conduct was in violation of New Hampshire Rules 8.4(b) and 8.4(c).

In February of 2012, the respondent and the New Hampshire Attorney Discipline Office signed a Stipulation of Facts, Violations, and Recommended Sanction, in which the respondent admitted to the above facts and rule violations. The New Hampshire Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) accepted the stipulation and recommended that the respondent be suspended for two years, with the second year stayed on condition that the respondent comply with alcohol rehabilitation counseling and a monitoring program. Before the recommendation was accepted by the Supreme Court, the respondent violated the conditions of probation. The PCC then recommended that the respondent be suspended for two years, and the Court accepted that recommendation.

On January 20, 2014, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The Court issued an order of notice giving the respondent thirty days to show cause why reciprocal discipline should not be ordered in Massachusetts. The respondent did not reply to the order of notice and did not appear at a hearing on June 23, 2014. On August 25, 2014, the Court (Botsford, J.) entered an order suspending the respondent for two years, retroactive to September 10, 2012. The order also provided that the respondent's reinstatement in Massachusetts is conditioned upon his reinstatement in New Hampshire.

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.