

**IN RE: MATTHEW J. MCDONOUGH****NO. BD-2014-051****S.J.C. Order of Indefinite Suspension entered by Justice Duffly on June 2, 2014.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Matthew J. McDonough, was duly admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth on December 16, 1998. He was suspended from the practice of law for three years effective May 21, 2011, in Matter of McDonough, S.J.C. No. BD-2011-020 (Apr. 21, 2011) (Duffly, J.). The respondent has not been reinstated.

On June 14, 2006, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts to the crimes of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration in violation of G. L. c. 90, § 23, and forging or altering a certificate of registration in violation of G. L. c. 90, § 24B. The respondent did not report these convictions to bar counsel, as required by S. J. C. Rule 4:01, § 12(8).

On July 25, 2013, the respondent pled guilty in Pittsfield District Court to three counts of larceny over \$250 in violation of G. L. c. 266, § 30(1). The plea involved the respondent's misappropriation of three fee payments due the law firm by which he was employed. Two of the three counts of larceny involved misconduct that, with other unrelated misconduct, resulted in the respondent's three-year suspension in 2011. The respondent was sentenced to concurrent terms of one year in the house of correction, all suspended, and placed on probation until July 24, 2014, with conditions that he pursue psychological counseling and write a letter of apology to the victim. The respondent has made full restitution to the firm.

On March 21, 2014, bar counsel and the respondent filed with the Board of Bar Overseers a stipulation of facts and a joint recommendation for an indefinite suspension, retroactive to May 21, 2011. On April 28, 2014, the board voted to accept the parties' stipulation and recommendation. On June 2, 2014, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Duffly, J.) entered an Order of Indefinite Suspension, retroactive to May 21, 2011.

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.