

**IN RE: ROGER PAUL FRYE****NO. BD-2014-069****S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on October 23, 2014,
with an effective date of November 22, 2014.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Roger Paul Frye, has been disbarred as a result of his 1999 guilty plea to third-degree endangering the welfare of a child in violation of New Jersey Statutes Annotated 2C:24-4(a), which provides that any person who “engages in sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of...a child under the age of 16 is guilty of a crime of the third degree.”

The respondent is an attorney duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on February 13, 1990. Since November 1998, he has been administratively suspended from practice in Massachusetts for non-payment of registration fees.

The respondent was also admitted to practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. On May 20, 2014, the Supreme Court of New Jersey disbarred the respondent from practice of law in New Jersey.

The New Jersey disbarment order was based upon the respondent’s conviction, which violated New Jersey Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(b) (prohibiting the commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the attorney’s honesty, trust worthiness or fitness as a lawyer), as well as his failure, for fifteen years, to report his conviction to the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics, in violation of N.J. Court Rules (1969) 1:20-13(a)(1).

On June 25, 2014, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, Section 16, and the order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

On October 23, 2014, the Court (Botsford, J.) entered an order disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in Massachusetts.

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.