

**IN RE: JAMES W. OLIVER****NO. BD-2014-103****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Spina on February 12, 2016.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, James W. Oliver, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 14, 1988. The respondent was also admitted to practice in the State of Connecticut.

On August 5, 2014, the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford issued an order disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in Connecticut. The Connecticut court's order was based on findings that the respondent falsely informed his clients that an expert hired by the clients on the respondent's recommendation was affiliated with national intelligence agencies and had used part of the fees paid by the client to bribe a federal postal inspector; falsely informed a Connecticut Superior Court and the Statewide Grievance Committee that the expert was a covert federal operative; and attempted to cause the expert to testify in a manner contrary to the truth. The Court found that the respondent violated the Connecticut equivalents of Mass. R. Prof. C. 3.3(a)(1) and (3), 3.4(b) and 8.4(c) and (d).

On November 25, 2014, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, and the order of the Connecticut Court. The respondent subsequently filed an objection to the entry of reciprocal discipline. However, on February 10, 2016, respondent and bar counsel executed and filed with the Court a waiver of hearing and an assent to the entry of an order suspending the respondent from the Massachusetts bar for three years.

On February 12, 2016, the Court (Spina, J.) entered an order suspending the respondent for three years effective immediately upon entry of 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.