

IN RE: EDWARD J. LANG

NO. BD-2015-041

S.J.C. Order of Temporary Suspension entered by Justice Cordy on June 1, 2015.¹

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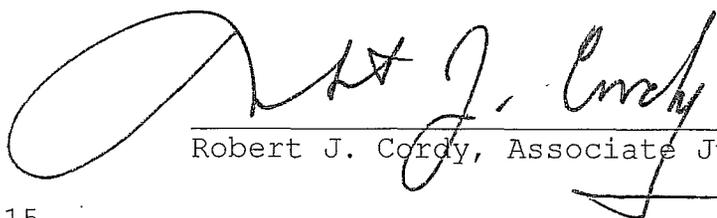
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MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

I have before me a petition for temporary suspension filed by Bar Counsel, seeking the temporary suspension from the practice of law of Attorney Edward J. Lang pending the institution and conclusion of disciplinary proceedings before the Board of Bar Overseers. The petition is supported by the affidavit of Donna White, an investigator in the Office of Bar Counsel, and a written complaint filed by a former client of Attorney Lang. The affidavit and complaint detailed the expenditure of \$20,000 of the client's funds (out of a special IOLTA account set up for its safekeeping) over a two-year period by the attorney for his own use, without the knowledge or consent of the client. They also detail the client's futile efforts to secure the return of those funds (proceeds from a personal injury settlement) prior to filing his complaint with Bar Counsel.

Attorney Lang also is the subject of another disciplinary proceeding regarding the misuse of funds from another IOLTA account, and is currently appealing the hearing committee's report and recommendation that he be suspended from the practice of law for a year and a day.

After a hearing on this date, at which Attorney Lang was represented by counsel, I am satisfied that the evidence is adequate to support an order of temporary suspension. That is, that it is more probable than not that Attorney Lang committed a serious violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, and that he poses a threat of substantial harm to clients and potential clients. See S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 12, as appearing in 425 Mass. 1313 (1997). Accordingly an order shall enter temporarily suspending Edward J. Lang from the practice of law.


Robert J. Cordy, Associate Justice

Entered: May 26, 2015