

**IN RE: MICHAEL ROBERT WALSH****NO. BD-2015-057****S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Spina on January 11, 2016.¹****SUMMARY²**

On February 5, 2015, Michael Robert Walsh, who was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 4, 2009, pleaded guilty in the Boston Municipal Court, Central Division, to one count of assault and battery in violation of G.L. c. 265, § 13A. The respondent was placed on probation until February 1, 2017, with conditions including an anger management program, a drug and alcohol evaluation and any treatment deemed necessary. The respondent violated his obligation under S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 12(8), to report the conviction to bar counsel within ten days of the conviction.

The basis of the respondent's guilty plea was as follows. On June 10, 2013, the respondent was driving a vehicle on Main Street in Charlestown as the victim was walking across Main Street. After a verbal exchange, the respondent got out of the vehicle, walked up to the victim, and punched him in the mouth. The victim fell to the ground and suffered several injuries, including a fracture of a bone at the rear of his skull. The respondent got back in his vehicle and drove away.

On August 19, 2015, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline. In aggravation, the respondent failed to file a timely answer to the petition, a motion to remove the default or any other responsive pleading.

On November 9, 2015, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the respondent be suspended for four months for his misconduct, and that he be required to undergo a reinstatement hearing. On January 6, 2016, a hearing was held before the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Spina, J.), at which the respondent failed to appear. On January 11, 2016, the Court entered an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law for four months and providing that his reinstatement shall be pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, §§ 18(4) and (5).

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.