

**IN RE: MARTHA V. KIM a/k/a MARTHA V. YEAGER****NO. BD-2015-070****S.J.C. Order of Indefinite Suspension entered by Justice Spina on
October 15, 2015, with an effective date of November 14, 2015.¹****SUMMARY²**

The respondent, Martha V. Kim a/k/a/ Martha V. Yeager, is an attorney duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on December 14, 1988. She was also admitted to practice in Ohio.

On September 17, 2009, the Supreme Court of Ohio indefinitely suspended the respondent from practice in Ohio. The Ohio suspension was based on the respondent's having made three misrepresentations to a juvenile court in Cuyahoga County. The respondent, in seeking continuance of a matter, misrepresented to the court that she had been previously scheduled to appear on the same date in another court, without revealing that she had scheduled those appearances after the juvenile court matter was scheduled. She later misrepresented to the juvenile court in an affidavit that she had requested discovery from another party, but not received responses, when she had not in fact issued any discovery requests to that party. Finally, she misrepresented to the court that she had not received notice of certain proceedings, when she had earlier acknowledged receiving notice of that proceeding.

In addition, the respondent abruptly left the courtroom in the midst of a hearing, thereby abandoning her client. She failed to move to withdraw her appearance in the matter at that time or at any thereafter.

The respondent's conduct violated Ohio Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(4), 1-102(A)(5), 2-110(A)(2), 7-101(A)(3), and 7-102(A)(5).

S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16(6), requires a lawyer who has been subject to discipline in another jurisdiction to provide copies of the order to the Board of Bar Overseers and to bar counsel within ten days of the issuance of the order. The respondent failed to provide notice of the Ohio suspension order to the board or to bar counsel at any time.

On July 28, 2015, bar counsel filed with the Supreme Judicial Court a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, and the order of the Ohio court. The respondent was duly notified of the petition but failed to file an objection. She was duly notified of a hearing at the county court on October 8, 2015, but failed to appear.

On October 15, 2015, the Court (Spina, J) entered an order, suspending the respondent indefinitely, effective thirty days from the issuance 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.