



**IN RE: CHARLES R. LEVIN**

**NO. BD-2016-002**

**S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on January 20, 2016.<sup>1</sup>**

**SUMMARY<sup>2</sup>**

This matter came before the Supreme Judicial Court on the respondent's affidavit of resignation pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 15.

The respondent represented three siblings in the sale of real estate. The respondent admitted in the affidavit of resignation that sufficient evidence existed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that, during this representation, he engaged in ethical misconduct. Specifically, the respondent was instructed to safeguard a portion of the siblings' sale proceeds (\$68,000) for later distribution; however, prior to the final distribution, the respondent periodically misused these funds to pay unrelated client, business or personal obligations, as a result of which he was not able to pay the siblings in full until after the funds became due. The respondent further admitted that a hearing committee, the board and the Supreme Judicial Court would conclude that he violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.15 (b) and Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(c) and (h).

On December 14, 2015, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the respondent's affidavit of resignation be accepted.

On January 20, 2016, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County accepted the respondent's affidavit of resignation and disbarred him from the practice of law.

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<sup>1</sup> The complete Order of the Court is available by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.