

**Public Reprimand No. 2011-09****Order (public reprimand) entered by the Board on April 19, 2011.****SUMMARY**¹

On December 3, 2009, the respondent, a used car dealer, attended a used car auction. He was then subject to a bail order prohibiting him from being in the vicinity of his estranged wife. His wife also attended the auction, and the respondent engaged in conduct involving offensive physical contact but no physical injury to his wife.

On August 9, 2010, the respondent pleaded guilty in the superior court for Sagadahoc, Maine, to violating a condition of release in violation of 15 MRSA § 1092 and domestic violence assault in violation of 17-A MRSA § 207-A(1)(A). A deferred disposition was entered on the charge of domestic violence assault to be reduced to disorderly conduct at the end of the deferred disposition period if the respondent committed no additional criminal acts. A further hearing was scheduled for May 26, 2011. The respondent did not report the conviction to bar counsel within ten days but reported it on September 15, 2010.

Bar counsel filed a petition for discipline on November 15, 2010, alleging that the respondent's conduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b), (d), and (h). On April 4, 2011, the respondent filed an amended answer admitting the allegations of the petition, and the parties agreed that a public reprimand was the appropriate sanction. On April 11, 2011, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to sanction the respondent by a public reprimand.

¹ Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record of proceedings before the Board.