

**ALAN B. RINDLER****Public Reprimand No. 2014-3****Order (public reprimand) entered by the Board April 10, 2014.****SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>**

On June 4, 2013, the respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial District, Sarasota County, Florida, to disorderly conduct in violation of Fl. Stat. 877.03 and possession of cannabis, less than 20 grams, in violation of Fl. Stat. 893.13(6b). The conviction arose from the respondent's conduct in physically resisting a search by TSA officials and breaching TSA security procedures at the Sarasota, Florida, airport. The court accepted the plea, withheld adjudication on both charges, fined the respondent \$500 on the disorderly conduct charge and \$250 on the charge of possession of cannabis, and imposed court costs and the cost of prosecution.

The respondent's disorderly conduct conviction violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h). In mitigation, the misconduct was not related to the practice of law. In aggravation, the underlying conduct involved the respondent's resisting a TSA search at the Sarasota airport, proceeding through a TSA scanner without authority, and entering the airport concourse. The entire screening area was briefly shut down, disrupting other passengers in the screening area.

This matter came before the board on a stipulation of facts and disciplinary violations and a joint recommendation for discipline by public reprimand. The board accepted the parties' recommendation and imposed a public reprimand.

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<sup>1</sup> Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record of proceedings before the board.