

IN RE: DOUGLAS E. COLEMAN

NO. BD-2014-058

S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Lenk on March 12, 2015.¹

SUMMARY²

The respondent, Douglas E. Coleman, is an attorney duly admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on June 21, 2006. He was administratively suspended from practice in Massachusetts on December 5, 2013 for nonpayment of registration fees.

The respondent was also admitted to practice in the State of New York. On April 10, 2014, the New York Supreme Court suspended the respondent from practice for one year, stayed upon condition that during the one-year period he complete certain specified credit hours of accredited continuing legal education, in addition to the CLE required of all New York attorneys. The New York suspension was based upon the respondent's neglect of two appeals assigned to him by the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, and his failure to cooperate in the investigation of his conduct and failure to appear to be orally admonished.

On May 27, 2014, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline, pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16, and the order of the New York Supreme Court. On May 29, 2014, an order of notice issued and was served on the respondent directing him to inform the Court within thirty days why the imposition of the identical discipline would not be unwarranted in Massachusetts. The respondent did not file any response with the Court or appear at a hearing before the Court on January 22, 2015, of which he had been duly notified.

On March 12, 2015, the Court (Lenk, J.) entered an order suspending the respondent for one year, retroactive to April 10, 2014, stayed on conditions that: a) prior to April 10, 2015, he complete four credit hours of CLE in law practice management in addition to the CLE required of all New York State attorneys; b) prior to April 10, 2015, he provide documentary proof to the Office of Bar Counsel and the Court of his completion of the required CLE; and c) within twenty-one days of the date of the order, the respondent comply with the January 30, 2013 judgment of administrative suspension issued by the Court as Suffolk Docket No. BD-2012-112 (Cordy, J.) The order provided that the one-year suspension would be imposed if the respondent fails to meet the conditions specified.

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 before the Supreme Judicial Court.