

IN RE: ALDANA JOHNSON

NO. BD-2010-076

S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on October 1, 2015.¹

SUMMARY²

This matter came before the Board of Bar Overseers and the Court on the respondent's affidavit of resignation pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 4:01, § 15. In the affidavit, the respondent acknowledged that the material facts summarized below could be proved by a preponderance of the evidence.

The respondent was admitted to the Massachusetts bar on June 18, 1998. On August 17, 2010, she was temporarily suspended from the practice of law. On September 27, 2010, she was suspended for a term of three months, retroactive to August 17, 2010. On March 29, 2011, she was suspended for a term of two years, retroactive to March 23, 2011.

In January of 2006, the respondent began to represent two elderly siblings, who died in May of 2007 and October of 2007, respectively. By the end of December of 2007, the respondent had converted to her own use approximately \$258,000 in funds belonging to the clients or their estates and an automobile owned by one of the siblings at his death, with deprivation. In addition, the respondent knowingly made false statements to the heirs of one of the siblings and to bar counsel concerning her handling of the siblings' assets. Finally, the respondent knowingly made a number of false statements to the Supreme Judicial Court in an affidavit of compliance and in opposition to a petition of bar counsel for contempt against the respondent in a prior matter.

On January 19, 2012, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline. On July 23, 2012, the respondent filed her affidavit of resignation. On September 10, 2012, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to recommend that the affidavit of resignation be accepted and the respondent disbarred, effective as of the date of the order. On October 1, 2015, the Supreme Judicial Court entered a judgment accepting the affidavit of resignation and disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in the Commonwealth effective immediately upon the entry of the judgment.

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.