

**ANTHONY J. VESONA**

**Public Reprimand No. 2013-25**

**Order (public reprimand) entered by the Board on December 4, 2013.**

**SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>**

Anthony J. Vesona, the respondent in the bar discipline proceedings, was admitted to practice in Massachusetts on December 18, 1997. On March 19, 2009, he pleaded guilty in the Cheektowaga Justice Court in Cheektowaga, New York, to three counts of disorderly conduct in violation of section 220.03 of the New York Penal Law and to operating under the influence, first offense, in violation of section 1192.03 of the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law. The facts supporting the disorderly conduct conviction included that the respondent collided with a barrier and drove away from the collision. The respondent was sentenced to an unconditional discharge on the disorderly conduct convictions and a fine of \$500 on the conviction of operating under the influence.

The offenses were misdemeanors. At his sentencing, the respondent was warned that a misdemeanor conviction might affect his license to practice law in Massachusetts. In addition, the respondent was required by S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 12(8), to report the convictions to bar counsel within ten days of the convictions. The respondent did not report the convictions to bar counsel.

On October 29, 2013, bar counsel filed with the Board of Bar Overseers a petition for discipline charging that the respondent's convictions and his failure to report them to bar counsel violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 3.4(c) and 8.4(b), (d), and (h). The respondent admitted to the conduct and the rule violations, and the parties agreed that the respondent had maintained sobriety since the accident. They further agreed that the appropriate sanction was a public reprimand. On November 25, 2013, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to sanction the respondent by 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.