

IN RE: ANTHONY T. LEPORE
NO. BD-2013-103

S.J.C. Order of Term Suspension entered by Justice Gants on November 12, 2013.¹

S.J.C. Judgment of Reinstatement entered by Justice Gants on July 18, 2014.

SUMMARY²

On August 22, 2013, the respondent, Anthony T. Lepore, was suspended by the Supreme Court of Florida for ninety-one days. The suspension was based upon the following misconduct.

Over the course of several years, the respondent signed thousands of affidavits for a law firm handling foreclosures without the presence of a notary public or other sworn officer as required by Florida notary law. The affidavits were signed by the respondent as an expert concerning the reasonableness of the firm's fees for representation provided to plaintiffs in foreclosure cases. In mitigation, the respondent had no prior disciplinary record or dishonest or selfish motive; during part of the time in issue, a family member of the respondent was seriously ill and in treatment in Washington, D.C.; and the respondent cooperated with the disciplinary proceedings and expressed remorse for his misconduct.

The respondent reported the Florida discipline to Massachusetts bar counsel, as required by S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 16(6).

On October 22, 2013, bar counsel filed a petition for reciprocal discipline with the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The parties waived hearing and assented to the entry of an order of a ninety-one day suspension, with reinstatement in Massachusetts conditioned upon the respondent's reinstatement in Florida. On November 12, 2013, the Court (Gants, J.) so ordered.

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.