

IN RE: JAMES E. LEVIN

BBO # 542426

NO. BD-2021-004

Order (Term Suspension) entered by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers of the Supreme Judicial Court on May 5, 2021, Retroactive to March 4, 2021.¹

The respondent stipulated to a four-year suspension, retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension for the same matters, for conviction of felonies involving fraud, not in the practice of law.

SUMMARY²

On September 28, 2020, the respondent was convicted, on a plea of guilty, of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (conspiracy to commit wire fraud), § 1343 (wire fraud), § 286 (conspiracy to defraud the United States), and § 287 (submitting false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims). The fraud concerned the state of completion of renovation work the respondent was conducting as a real estate developer in 2010 and 2011, and by which the respondent obtained almost \$2.4 million from the federal government. The respondent was sentenced to thirty-seven months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, with restitution to be determined.

The respondent's misconduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) (conduct constituting crime and reflecting adversely on fitness to practice law), 8.4(c) (dishonesty, deceit, misrepresentation, or fraud) and 8.4(h) (other conduct reflecting adversely on fitness to practice).

The parties stipulated that the respondent was not engaged in the practice of law in connection with the crimes of conviction.

This matter came before the Board at its April 12, 2021 meeting on the stipulation of the parties to the facts, charges and a proposed disposition. The Board voted to accept the parties' stipulation and therefore to recommend to the Court that the respondent be suspended for four years, retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension. On May 5, 2021, a single justice (Wendlandt, 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 Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers' Office of General Counsel based on the record filed with the Supreme Judicial Court.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

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CORRECTED ORDER OF TERM SUSPENSION

This matter came before the Court, Wendlandt, J., on an Information and Record of Proceedings pursuant to S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 8(6), with the Vote and Recommendation of the Board of Bar Overseers filed by the Board on April 22, 2021. The parties having filed a waiver of hearing and assent to entry of an order, it is ORDERED that:

James E. Levin is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a period of four (4) years retroactive to March 4, 2021, the date of his temporary suspension.

By the Court, (Wendlandt, J.)

/s/ Maura S. Doyle

Clerk

Entered: May 5, 2021