

IN RE: SALVATORE F. DIMASI
NO. BD-2011-058

S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Botsford on February 20, 2014.¹

SUMMARY²

On September 9, 2011, the respondent, Salvatore F. DiMasi, was convicted in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts of one count of conspiracy to commit honest services wire and mail fraud and to violate the Hobbs Act, in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 371; three counts of honest services mail fraud and aiding and abetting in violation of 18 U. S. C. §§ 1341 and 1346 and 2; four counts of honest services wire fraud and aiding and abetting in violation of 18 U. S. C. §§ 1343, 1346, and 2; and one count of extortion under color of official right in violation of 18 U. S. C. § 1951. The respondent's conviction resulted from his conduct as Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in recommending and helping to secure state contracts for a software company in return for payments totaling \$65,000.

On September 9, 2011, the respondent was temporarily suspended from the bar of the Commonwealth. On January 7, 2014, he submitted to the Board of Bar Overseers an affidavit of resignation from the practice of law pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 4:01, § 15. In his affidavit, the respondent admitted that he had been convicted as described in the above paragraph. On January 27, 2014, the board unanimously voted to recommend that the Supreme Judicial Court accept the respondent's affidavit of resignation and enter an order of disbarment effective on September 9, 2011, the date of the respondent's temporary suspension. On February 20, 2014, the Court (Botsford, J.) accepted the respondent's affidavit and entered a judgment of disbarment retroactive to September 9, 2011.

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.