

IN RE: RAYMOND E. GALLISON, JR.

NO. BD-2017-051

S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Budd on June 27, 2017.¹

SUMMARY²

On May 31, 2017, Raymond E. Gallison, the respondent, submitted to the Board of Bar Overseers an affidavit of resignation in which he acknowledged that on March 9, 2017, he pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island to four counts of mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, one count of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, one count of aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, one count of aiding the filing of a false tax document in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 7206(2) and two counts of filing a false income tax return in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 7206(1), all felonies.

The conduct to which the respondent pleaded guilty included the following. In May of 2012, the respondent was appointed Executor of the estate of a client. Over the next four years, the respondent misappropriated to his own use approximately \$675,000 in estate funds and assets. In addition to funds from the estate, the respondent misappropriated \$8,900 from a special needs trust of which the respondent was the trustee. Finally, the respondent was the Assistant Director of Alternative Educational Programming, Inc., a tax-exempt nonprofit. For tax year 2012, the respondent provided to the organization's accountant financial information that the respondent knew was false and which concealed payments made to the respondent and another for work that they had not performed. For tax years 2012 and 2013, the respondent filed individual income tax returns that failed to disclose income he had received from the above estate and nonprofit as well as from his law practice.

On May 24, 2017, the respondent was temporarily suspended in Massachusetts as a result of his Rhode Island conviction. On June 12, 2017, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court that the respondent's resignation be accepted and that he be disbarred, retroactive to May 24, 2017. On June 27, 2017, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Budd, 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.