

IN RE: JOHN R. CASTIGLIONE

NO. BD-2019-065

S.J.C. Judgment of Disbarment entered by Justice Gaziano on January 31, 2020.¹

The respondent resigned and was disbarred after he pleaded guilty in federal court to violations of the law concerning Bulk Cash Smuggling into the United States.

SUMMARY²

John R. Castiglione, the respondent, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on January 10, 1977. On January 31, 2020, the respondent was disbarred for the following conduct.

On or about May 2, 2014, the respondent sent by Federal Express two packages containing \$60,000 and \$65,000, respectively, from Bermuda to his law office in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The packages were addressed to “Attorney At Law” and were declared to be “documents” rather than United States currency. The respondent was aware of the requirement to report transporting currency greater than \$10,000, but chose not to do so because, in part, he did not want to pay any taxes or fees.

On March 22, 2019, the respondent pleaded guilty in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts to one count of Bulk Cash Smuggling Into the United States in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5332(a)(1), a felony. The respondent was sentenced to probation for one year with conditions and forfeiture of \$125,000.

The respondent’s criminal conduct violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h).

On July 8, 2019, the respondent was temporarily suspended. On December 31, 2019, the respondent filed an Affidavit of Resignation with the Board of Bar Overseers. At its meeting on January 13, 2020, the board voted to accept the respondent’s resignation and that an order of disbarment be entered. On January 31, 2020, the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Gaziano J.) accepted the respondent’s resignation and entered a Judgment of Disbarment effective immediately.

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.