

**JUSTIN VUKELIC**

**Public Reprimand No. 2019-19**

**Order (public reprimand) entered by the Board on December 5, 2019.**

**SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>**

On May 14, 2019, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts in the Newton District Court to charges of trespassing in violation of M.G.L. c. 266, § 120, and resisting arrest in violation of M.G.L. c. 268, § 32B. The conviction arose from the respondent's conduct in failing to obey verbal commands and engaging in a foot chase and struggle when officers tried to place him in custody for trespassing. The case was continued without a finding until May 14, 2020, and the respondent was placed on probation with conditions, including a \$65 restitution payment.

An admission to sufficient facts constitutes a conviction as defined by S.J.C. Rule 4:01, § 12(1). Resisting arrest is a crime that reflects adversely on the respondent's fitness to practice law.

On October 24, 2019, bar counsel filed a petition for discipline charging the respondent with violating Mass. R. Prof. C. 8.4(b) and (h). On October 24, 2019, the respondent filed an answer admitting to the facts and rule violations, and the parties jointly recommended a public reprimand as appropriate discipline. The parties agreed that, in mitigation, the respondent's criminal conduct did not involve the practice of law and was not related to his representation of a client.

On November 12, 2019, the Board of Bar Overseers voted to accept the parties' recommendation and imposed a public reprimand.

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<sup>1</sup> Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record of proceedings before the board.