

Supreme Court

In the Matter of Michael J. Ostroskey.

No. 2011-291-M.P.

O R D E R

The respondent, Michael J. Ostroskey, was admitted to the practice of law in this state on June 10, 1997. On June 30, 2008, he was suspended from the practice of law for failure to pay his annual dues to the Rhode Island Bar Association. However, he remains subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court.

The respondent was also admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On March 23, 2011, the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth disbarred the respondent from the practice of law in Massachusetts. The factual basis for his disbarment was his misappropriation of funds from the proceeds of a real estate transaction for which he served as settlement agent.

On April 26, 2011, Disciplinary Counsel filed a certified copy of the judgment of disbarment and a petition requesting that we impose reciprocal discipline in accordance with Article III, Rule 14 of the Supreme Court Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. On May 20, 2011, this Court issued an order to the respondent directing him to inform the court within thirty days of any claim he may have that the imposition of identical discipline in this state would be unwarranted, and the reasons therefore. Our order also informed the respondent that his failure to show cause why the identical discipline should not be imposed would result in the entry of an order disbaring him from the practice of law in

this state. The respondent did not submit any claim to this Court that identical reciprocal discipline should not be imposed.

After review of the petition filed by Disciplinary Counsel we deem that an order of disbarment is appropriate. Accordingly it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the respondent, Michael J. Ostroskey is disbarred from the practice of law in this state.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2011.

By Order,

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/s/  
Clerk



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**JUSTICES:** Suttell, C.J., Goldberg, Flaherty, Robinson, and Indeglia, JJ.

**WRITTEN BY:** N/A – Court Order

**JUDGE FROM LOWER COURT:**  
N/A – Court Order

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Disciplinary Counsel

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Pro Se