

**Supreme Court**

In the Matter of Michael A. Murphy.

No. 2012-366 M.P.

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court pursuant to a petition for reciprocal discipline in accordance with Article III, Rule 14, of the Supreme Court Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The respondent, Michael A. Murphy, is a member of the bar of this state. He was also admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On September 17, 2012, the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entered an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in the commonwealth for a period of one year and one day. The effective date of that order of suspension is October 17, 2012. A copy of that order was forwarded to this Court's Disciplinary Counsel on September 28, 2012.

Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition seeking the imposition of reciprocal discipline on October 4, 2012. On October 18, 2012, we entered an order directing the respondent to inform this Court within thirty days of any claim he may have that the imposition of reciprocal discipline would be unwarranted. The respondent did not submit any such claim to this Court, and he advised disciplinary counsel that he had no objection to the imposition of reciprocal discipline.

The factual basis for the respondent's discipline in the commonwealth is as follows. The respondent was employed by a law firm. His compensation was based, in part, on the amount of time that he billed to and the amount of money he collected from clients of the firm. The respondent submitted vastly inflated billings to clients to increase

his compensation from the firm. When the firm became aware of his billing practices, the firm requested and received his resignation, returned the unearned fees that had been received and waived all efforts to receive fees that had been charged but not collected.

In the Massachusetts disciplinary proceeding the respondent stipulated that the above-noted facts were true, and he agreed to the suspension for one year and one day. After reviewing those facts, we deem that an order of reciprocal discipline is appropriate.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the respondent, Michael A. Murphy, is suspended from the practice of law in this state for one year and one day, effective as of October 17, 2012.

Entered as an Order of this Court this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *January, 2013*.

By Order,

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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