

# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SUPREME COURT

### ORDER

#### **LD-2011-0008, In the Matter of Joseph Santo Mangano**

On April 11, 2012, the Attorney Discipline Office filed a certified copy of the March 20, 2012 judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Massachusetts), disbaring Attorney Joseph Santo Mangano. A summary filed with the judgment describes numerous instances of misconduct by Attorney Mangano, including practicing bankruptcy law in violation of the rules of the jurisdiction, failing to notify clients that he was not authorized to represent them in bankruptcy matters, failing to provide competent representation to clients and failing to act with reasonable diligence on their behalf, converting fees that he was paid by clients for his own use, and making false statements of material fact to Massachusetts bar counsel in connection with a disciplinary matter. The judgment of disbarment issued by the Supreme Judicial Court states that Attorney Mangano filed a waiver of hearing and consent to disbarment.

Rule 37(12)(d) provides for the imposition of reciprocal discipline by the court unless the respondent attorney or the PCC demonstrates, or the court finds, based on the face of the record from which the discipline is predicated, that: (1) the procedure followed by the jurisdiction imposing discipline was so lacking in notice or opportunity to be heard as to constitute a deprivation of due process; (2) the imposition of the same or substantially similar discipline by the court would result in grave injustice; or (3) the misconduct established warrants substantially different discipline in New Hampshire. In accordance with this provision, the court issued an order providing Attorney Mangano with the opportunity to show why the imposition of discipline identical or substantially similar to that imposed by the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Massachusetts) would be unwarranted. Attorney Mangano filed no response to the order.

Having reviewed the order of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, the court does not find that any of the conditions set forth in Rule 37(12)(d) have been met. It appears from the order that Attorney Mangano had an opportunity to be heard in the Massachusetts disciplinary proceedings and that he consented to the disbarment. In light of the seriousness of Attorney Mangano's misconduct, the court does not find that disbarment would result in grave injustice or that his misconduct would warrant substantially different discipline in New Hampshire.

Therefore, the court orders that Attorney Joseph Santo Mangano be disbarred from the practice of law in New Hampshire. Attorney Mangano is hereby assessed all expenses incurred by the Professional Conduct Committee in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. See Rule 37(19).

Dalianis, C.J., and Hicks, Conboy and Lynn, JJ., concurred.

DATE: June 20, 2012

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