

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

ORDER

LD-2016-0003, In the Matter of Hyacinth M. Bellerose, Esquire

On April 6, 2017, the Attorney Discipline Office (ADO) filed a certified copy of the judgment of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in the case of United States of America v. Hyacinth Bellerose. The judgment states that the respondent, Hyacinth Bellerose, was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, sentenced to time served and 12 months of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution.

The crime of conspiracy to commit bank fraud appears to be a "serious crime," as that term is defined in Supreme Court Rule 37(9)(b). Subparagraph 9(d) of the rule provides that "[u]pon the receipt of a certificate of conviction of an attorney for a 'serious crime,' the court may, and shall if suspension has been ordered pursuant to subsection (a) above, institute a formal disciplinary proceeding by issuing an order to the attorney to show cause why the attorney should not be disbarred as result of the conviction."

In accordance with this rule, on April 14, 2017, the court issued an order requiring the respondent to show cause why she should not be disbarred as a result of the conviction. The respondent filed a response stating that she would not contest disbarment.

In light of the seriousness of the respondent's misconduct, the court concludes that she should be disbarred. THEREFORE, the court orders that Hyacinth M. Bellerose be disbarred from the practice of law in New Hampshire. She is hereby assessed all expenses incurred by the Professional Conduct Committee in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

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

DATE: May 15, 2017

ATTEST:



Eileen Fox, Clerk

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