

State of New York  
Supreme Court, Appellate Division  
Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: December 3, 2009

D-53-09

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In the Matter of THOMAS J.  
SPARGO, an Attorney.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL  
STANDARDS,

Petitioner;

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

THOMAS J. SPARGO,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 1358027)

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Calendar Date: October 26, 2009

Before: Rose, J.P., Lahtinen, Kane and Garry, JJ.

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Mark S. Ochs, Committee on Professional Standards, Albany,  
for petitioner.

E. Stewart Jones, P.L.L.C., Troy (E. Stewart Jones Jr. of  
counsel), for respondent.

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Per Curiam.

Respondent was admitted to practice by the Appellate  
Division, Fourth Department in 1972. He maintains an office for  
the practice of law in East Berne, Albany County.

On August 27, 2009, respondent was convicted after trial in  
the United States District Court for the Northern District of New  
York of attempted extortion and soliciting a bribe. He is  
scheduled to be sentenced in December 2009. As a result of his  
conviction, petitioner commenced a disciplinary investigation and

moved to disbar or suspend respondent pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90 (4) (a) or (f). In response thereto, respondent tendered his resignation which complies with the rules of this Court (see 22 NYCRR 806.8). Petitioner advises that it has no objection to respondent's resignation and has withdrawn its motion.

We accept respondent's disciplinary resignation and, in accordance with our rules, order his disbarment from the practice of law (see 22 NYCRR 806.8 [b]).

Rose, J.P., Lahtinen, Kane and Garry, JJ., concur.

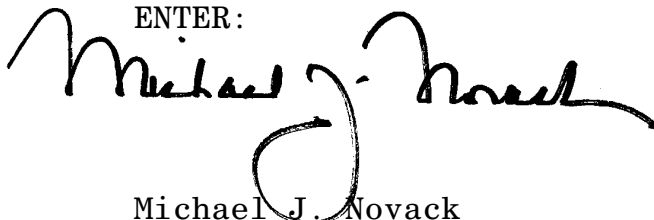
ORDERED that respondent's resignation application is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is disbarred and his name is stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and respondent is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority, or to give to another an opinion as to the law or its application, or any advice in relation thereto; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall comply with the provisions of this Court's rules regulating the conduct of disbarred attorneys (see 22 NYCRR 806.9).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Novack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael J. Novack  
Clerk of the Court