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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Melinda Lea ROMAN, D2024-0252

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Catherine O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Amy S. Paulick, Disciplinary Counsel

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
On Motion from a Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge, Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge;
Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

In a decision dated December 3, 2024, we suspended the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") for a period of 90 days, effective October 30, 2024. This suspension was based on her suspension from the practice of law in Iowa. On March 24, 2025, the respondent filed a motion for reinstatement, which will be granted.

The respondent has presented evidence showing that she is again authorized to practice law in Iowa, and she maintains that she meets the definition of attorney contained in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a)(1) (discussing requirements for reinstatement).

The Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and DHS do not dispute that the respondent meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). The Disciplinary Counsels further do not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement. We therefore will grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a)(3).

ORDER: The respondent is reinstated to practice before EOIR and DHS, as of the date of this order.

FURTHER ORDER: This reinstatement should be reflected in any public notices maintained and disseminated by EOIR regarding attorney discipline.

FURTHER ORDER: If the respondent wishes to represent a party before DHS, the Immigration Courts, or the Board, she must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28, Form EOIR-26, or Form EOIR-27), even in cases in which she was counsel prior to her suspension.