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

MATTER OF:

Chuck Odifu EGBUNE, D2025-0202

Respondent

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

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

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Notice of Intent to Discipline Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

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

Opinion by Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

MULLANE, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), effectively immediately upon issuance of this order.

On June 9, 2023, the Supreme Court of Colorado suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Colorado for 3 years, effective immediately. On June 22, 2023, in disciplinary proceeding D2023-0136, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR" and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. We granted the petition on July 5, 2023. Further, when the respondent did not respond to the Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline in that proceeding, we issued a final order suspending the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS for 3 years, effective July 5, 2023. The respondent remains suspended pursuant to that order.

On June 11, 2025, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Colorado issued an Amended Opinion Imposing Sanctions under C.R.C.P. 241.31(b). The opinion followed a sanctions hearing and ordered the respondent disbarred from the practice of law in Colorado, effective upon issuance of an Order and Notice of Disbarment. On August 1, 2025, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Colorado issued an Order and Notice of Disbarment disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in Colorado, effective immediately. On August 21, 2025, the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS filed an Amended Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline charging that the respondent is subject to reciprocal discipline based on his disbarment in Colorado.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Amended Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105. The respondent's failure to file a response within the time prescribed in the Amended Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(1).

The Amended Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct us to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Amended Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline unless there are considerations that compel us to diverge from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

The proposed sanction is appropriate considering the respondent's disbarment in Colorado. We therefore will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. The respondent's disbarment will be effective immediately upon issuance of this order.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective immediately.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent must maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent must notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of the order shall be made available to the public, including at the Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.