

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2017-0136

Date: JAN 18 2018

In re: Matthew B. HANSON, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes
Disciplinary Counsel

The respondent was suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), Immigration Courts, and Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") for 6 months, effective April 15, 2017. He has sought reinstatement to practice. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a). The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR") does not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement, which will be granted.

On March 16, 2017, the Supreme Court of Idaho suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for 18 months, with all but 6 months of the suspension period withheld subject to the terms of a 2-year probation upon reinstatement, effective April 15, 2017.

The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the immediate suspension order on May 22, 2017. On June 8, 2017, we issued the final order of discipline.

The respondent now asks to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR does not oppose his reinstatement. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR agrees that the respondent meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f), and has complied with the reinstatement requirements set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a). We therefore will grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement.

ORDER: The respondent is reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the 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 the DHS, the Immigration Courts or the Board, he must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28, Form EOIR-28 or Form EOIR-27), even in cases in which he was counsel prior to his suspension.



FOR THE BOARD