

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2015-0069

Date: APR 25 2018

In re: Guillermo SUAREZ M, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues
Acting Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jeannette V. Dever
Associate Legal Advisor

The respondent, who has been suspended indefinitely from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), effective May 14, 2015, has sought reinstatement to practice. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR) does not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement. The respondent's motion for reinstatement will be granted.

On January 30, 2015, the State Bar Court of California issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state, effective February 23, 2015. Consequently, on April 17, 2015, the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the petition on May 14, 2015.

The respondent did not file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline and did not dispute the allegations in the Notice. Given the respondent's indefinite suspension from the practice of law in California, our May 29, 2015, final order of discipline indefinitely suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective May 14, 2015, the date of our immediate suspension order.¹

The respondent now asks to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, and presents evidence that he is again authorized to practice law in California. The respondent now meets the definition of attorney as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f) and has

¹ Our May 25, 2015, final order states that, "because the respondent is currently under our May 14, 2015, order of suspension, we will deem the respondent's [indefinite] suspension to have commenced on that date." Our final order later states that the order will take effect immediately, but this statement must be read with the earlier statement regarding the commencement of the suspension. Together, the statements establish that the respondent's indefinite suspension before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS commenced (and became effective) on May 14, 2015.

complied with the reinstatement requirements set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107. Further, the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR does not oppose his reinstatement. We therefore grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement and reinstate the respondent to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, effective immediately.

ORDER: The respondent is reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective immediately upon the issuance of this order.

FURTHER ORDER: Because the respondent has been reinstated, public notices regarding the respondent's suspension should reflect this reinstatement.

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



FOR THE BOARD