

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2017-0319

Date: AUG 24 2018

In re: Ekaette Patty-Anne EDDINGS, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

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

The respondent, who has been indefinitely suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), effective October 18, 2017, has sought reinstatement to practice. The Acting Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Acting 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, 2017, the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state. On October 4, 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 petition on October 18, 2017.

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 suspension from the practice of law in New York, our November 20, 2017, final order of discipline suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS indefinitely, effective October 18, 2017, the date of our immediate suspension order.

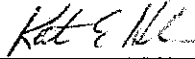
The respondent now asks to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, and presents evidence that she is again authorized to practice law in New York. The respondent now meets the definition of attorney as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f) (2017) and has complied with the reinstatement requirements set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107. Further, the Acting Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR does not oppose her 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.

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



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FOR THE BOARD