

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0016

Date: SEP 12 2019

In re: Susanna DVORTSIN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues
Disciplinary Counsel

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

The respondent, who has been suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), for 115 days, effective March 5, 2019, has sought reinstatement to practice. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office of Immigration Review ("Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR") does not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement, which will be granted.

On January 3, 2019, the Supreme Court of South Dakota suspended the respondent from the practice of law in South Dakota for 115 days, effective February 3, 2019. The basis for the suspension involved misconduct concerning an immigration matter. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts on February 5, 2019, and stated that the respondent remained suspended from the practice of law in South Dakota, as of the date of its filing.

The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the petition on March 5, 2019.

The respondent did not file a timely answer to 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 South Dakota, our March 20, 2019, final order of discipline suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for 115 days, effective March 5, 2019.

The respondent seeks to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, and asserts that she is again authorized to practice law in South Dakota. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a)(1).

The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR does not oppose the respondent's reinstatement. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR does not dispute that the respondent meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). 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, she must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28, Form EOIR-28 or Form EOIR-27), even in cases in which she was counsel prior to her suspension.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. M. 8/5", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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