

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0239

Date: OCT 08 2019

In re: Raj Sanjeet SINGH, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul Rodrigues
Disciplinary Counsel

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") for 60 days.

On July 17, 2019, the Court of Appeals of Maryland suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Maryland for 60 days, effective August 16, 2019. The basis for the suspension involved misconduct concerning immigration clients. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency on August 14, 2019. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a). The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts. We granted the petition on August 30, 2019.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105. The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the 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 Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be suspended from practicing before the DHS for 60 days. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR asks the Board to extend that discipline to practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts as well. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations generally direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

The proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the discipline imposed against the respondent in Maryland. Further, as the respondent is currently under our August 30, 2019, order of suspension, we will deem his suspension to have commenced on that date.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 60 days. The suspension is deemed to have commenced on August 30, 2019.

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 the DHS.

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


FOR THE BOARD