

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2017-0073

Date: OCT 27 2020

In re: Bakary Fansu CONTEH, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

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

On May 11, 2017, we suspended the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for 2 years, effective April 17, 2017. This suspension was based on his suspension from the practice of law in Washington. The respondent has filed a motion seeking reinstatement to practice. The respondent's motion will be granted.

The respondent has presented evidence showing that he again is authorized to practice law in Washington, and he maintains that he meets the definition of attorney contained in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a)(1) (discussing requirements for reinstatement).

The Disciplinary Counsels for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and the DHS do not dispute that the respondent meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). The Disciplinary Counsels further do not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement. We therefore will grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a)(3).

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 the Executive Office for Immigration Review 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-26, or Form EOIR-27), even in cases in which he was counsel prior to his suspension.



FOR THE BOARD