

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

U.S. Department of Justice  
Executive Office for Immigration Review  
Board of Immigration Appeals

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MATTER OF:

Frances Yetta RUIZ, D2020-0161

Respondent

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

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

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS  
On Motion from a Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge; Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge; Brown,  
Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge<sup>1</sup>

Opinion by Appellate Immigration Judge Liebowitz

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

In a decision dated December 15, 2020, we suspended the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for 6 months, effective September 29, 2020. This suspension was based on the respondent's suspension from the practice of law in New York. The respondent now has filed a motion for reinstatement, which will be granted.

The respondent has presented evidence showing that she again is authorized to practice law in New York, and she maintains that she 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 of Immigration Appeals, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. *See generally* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(1), (4).



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-26, or Form EOIR-27), even in cases in which she was counsel prior to her suspension.