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

MATTER OF:

Stephen WOODRUFF, D2012-0301

Respondent

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Toinette M. Mitchell, Disciplinary Counsel

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

Before: Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge; Manuel, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Appellate Immigration Judge Liebowitz

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

In a decision dated March 20, 2013, we immediately suspended the respondent from practice before the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR"). This suspension was based on the respondent's suspension from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. On February 9, 2016, we issued a final order, disbarring the respondent from practice before DHS and EOIR. This disbarment was based on the respondent's disbarment from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The respondent now has filed a motion for reinstatement, which will be granted.

The respondent has presented evidence showing that he again is authorized to practice law in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Hawaii, 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 EOIR and 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).

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

ORDER: The respondent is reinstated to practice before EOIR and 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 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.