

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

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File: D2014-103

Date: **MAY 15 2014**

In re: DONNETTE SONYA RUSSELL-LOVE, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Diane H. Kier  
Associate Legal Advisor

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") for 91 days.

On January 23, 2014, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Florida for 91 days. Consequently, on April 1, 2014, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the DHS. We granted the petition for immediate suspension on April 23, 2014.

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. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice 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 (2013).

The Notice proposes that the respondent be suspended from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts for 91 days. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013).

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's suspension from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Florida. Accordingly, the Board will honor that proposal. As the respondent is currently under our April 23, 2014, order of suspension, we will deem the respondent's 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 91 days.

**FURTHER ORDER:** The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

**FURTHER ORDER:** The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107 (2013).

**FURTHER ORDER:** As the Board earlier imposed an immediate suspension order in this case, today's order of the Board becomes effective immediately. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2) (2013).

  
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FOR THE BOARD