

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

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File: D2014-202

Date: **DEC 23 2014**

In re: MARIA CORA AVINANTE, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

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

The respondent, who is suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS"), has filed a motion for reinstatement to practice. Her motion for reinstatement to practice will be granted.

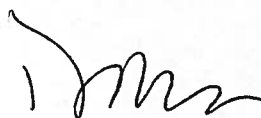
On June 12, 2014, the Supreme Court of Hawai'i issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in the state for 120 days. Consequently, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the Petition for Immediate Suspension on August 13, 2014, and we issued a final order of discipline on September 22, 2014.

The respondent now asks that she be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107. In support of her request, she has submitted a copy of the Order of Reinstatement issued by the Supreme Court of Hawai'i in her case on December 8, 2014. The EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose the respondent's motion because the respondent has completed her period of suspension and now meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). The respondent will be reinstated to practice.

**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:** Because the respondent has been reinstated, public notices regarding the respondent's suspension should reflect this reinstatement.

**FURTHER ORDER:** If the respondent wishes to represent a party before the DHS or Board, she must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28 or Form EOIR-27), including any case in which she was formerly counsel, prior to her suspension.



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FOR THE BOARD