

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2000-055

Date: APR 20 2006

In re: CHARLES H. BOWSER, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Esquire

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On April 21, 1998, the respondent pled guilty in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia to a felony charge of executing a document containing false statements. On September 4, 1998, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction.

Consequently, on September 1, 2000, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On September 7, 2000, the then-Immigration and Naturalization Service moved to join that petition and asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. On September 15, 2000, we suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. On December 21, 2000, we issued a final order, expelling the respondent from practice. We noted that the respondent could seek reinstatement under appropriate circumstances.

The respondent moves that we reinstate him to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the now-DHS. He states that he is currently a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar, and presents evidence that this is the case. He presents letters from colleagues who attest to his moral and professional qualifications. The Office of General Counsel has filed a notice of non-opposition to the petition for reinstatement. Given that the respondent's motion is unopposed, we find that the respondent should be and hereby is reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, as of the date of this order. Because the respondent has been reinstated, public notices regarding the respondent's suspension by the Board should be withdrawn. If the respondent wishes to represent a party before the DHS or Board, he must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28 or Form EOIR-27), including any case in which he was formerly counsel, prior to his suspension.



FOR THE BOARD