

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2006-038

Date: JUN 14 2007

In re: MARIA INES GONZALEZ, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On January 25, 2007, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for 3 months, effective February 24, 2007, by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Consequently, on February 16, 2007, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On January 21, 2007, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on March 1, 2007, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. On April 6, 2007, the Board issued a final order suspending the respondent from practice for a period of 3 months, and deemed the suspension to have commenced on February 24, 2007, the date her suspension was effective in New Jersey.

The respondent moves that the Board reinstate her to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The Office of General Counsel does not oppose the petition for reinstatement, observing that the respondent has presented evidence that she is currently eligible to practice law in New Jersey.

Given that the respondent's motion is unopposed, the Board finds 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 Because the respondent has been reinstated, public notices regarding the respondent's suspension should be withdrawn. 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