

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

File: D2010-067

Date: JUN 16 2014

In re: JOHN JOSEPH O'KANE, III, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Deputy Chief

The respondent, who has been suspended from practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") for one year, has sought reinstatement to practice. The respondent's request for reinstatement to practice will be granted.

On January 14, 2010, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for two years, stayed, with an actual suspension of 1 year, and probation for three years, by the Supreme Court of California. Consequently, on April 20, 2010, the Disciplinary 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. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on May 27, 2010, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. We issued a final order on June 9, 2010, suspending the respondent from practice for one year.

The respondent requests to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107. The EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose the motion, observing that the respondent has completed the period of suspension, and meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1101.1(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, 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