

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2003-221

Date: JUL - 7 2004

In re: IMEVBORE MICHAEL OJO, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

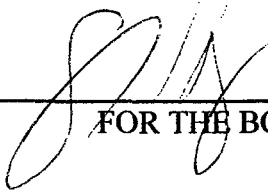
ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On November 12, 2003, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("OGC") instituted disciplinary proceedings against the respondent.¹ The OGC alleged that the respondent violated 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(f)(1), by making false statements about his qualifications. That is, while administratively suspended from the practice of law in Texas, the respondent filed many notices of appearance with the Executive Office for Immigration Review, in which he misrepresented his status as a member in good standing of the Texas bar.

We issued a final order of discipline on January 8, 2004, suspending the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) for a period of 30 days.

The respondent moves that we reinstate him to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, who initiated these disciplinary proceedings, does not oppose the motion and notes that the respondent appears to meet the definition of attorney as provided in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). 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Because the respondent has been reinstated, public notices regarding the respondent's suspension by the Board should be withdrawn.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 Board, he must file a Notice of Appearance (Form EOIR-27), including any case in which he was formerly counsel, prior to his suspension.



FOR THE BOARD

¹The OGC did not petition for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice pending final disposition of this proceeding, under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a).