

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2010-141

Date:

In re: FRANK PATRICK SPROULS, ATTORNEY

AUG 29 2011

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

ORDER

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly
Chief, Immigration Court Practice Section - East

The respondent's request for reinstatement to practice will be granted.

On March 30, 2011, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one year, stayed, with an actual suspension of 90 days, and probation for two years, by the Supreme Court of California. Consequently, on July 5, 2011, 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 Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

Therefore, on July 20, 2011, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. On July 28, 2011, we suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 90 days, nunc pro tunc to April 29, 2011.

The respondent moves that the Board reinstate him to practice. The EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose the petition for reinstatement, observing that the respondent is now eligible to practice law in California, and has completed the period of suspension. 8 C.F.R. §§ 1001.1(f), 1003.107(a). 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