

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2006-170

Date:

SEP 14 2007

In re: RITA H. ALTMAN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Bar Counsel

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

ORDER:

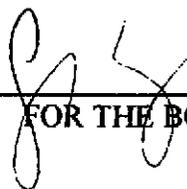
PER CURIAM. The respondent's unopposed motion for reinstatement to practice will be granted.

On July 7, 2006, the Supreme Court of Florida indefinitely suspended the respondent from the practice of law, effective 30 days from the date of that order.

Consequently, on October 17, 2006, 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 October 18, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on October 30, 2006, we suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. On December 6, 2006, the Board issued a final order indefinitely suspending the respondent from practice, and deemed the suspension to have commenced on October 30, 2006.

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 Florida. The DHS also states that it is not opposed to reinstatement.

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 reflect this reinstatement. 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