

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2009-229

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In re: UCHENNA SAMUEL OGBU-NWOBODO, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

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

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

On September 9, 2009, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for 6 months, stayed, with an actual suspension of 60 days, and probation for 1 year, by the Supreme Court of California. Consequently, on October 22, 2009, 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 November 4, 2009, we suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. On November 19, 2009, the Board issued a final order, suspending the respondent for 60 days, effective November 4, 2009.

The respondent moves that the Board reinstate him to practice. The EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose the petition for reinstatement, observing that "[a]ppropriate discipline has been effected before EOIR and the respondent appears to meet the definition of attorney as provided 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