

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2004-090

Date: - DEC - 8 2009

In re: DAVID E. PARKER, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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

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

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS"), for 7 years.

On May 21, 2008, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Fourth Judicial Department, suspended the respondent until further order of the court. Consequently, on May 27, 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 DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on June 15, 2009, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding.

On September 17, 2009, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Fourth Judicial Department, accepted the resignation of the respondent, and his name was stricken from the roll of attorneys in New York. In his application for resignation, the respondent admitted the allegations of misconduct and said that he had no defense against the allegations.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(c)(1). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(1), (2).

The Notice proposes that the respondent be suspended for 7 years from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS asks that the Board extend that discipline to practice before it as well. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.102(e); 1003.105(d)(2).

Since the proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the respondent's name being stricken from the roll of attorneys in New York, the Board will honor that proposal. As the respondent is currently under our June 15, 2009, order of suspension, we will deem the respondent's suspension to have commenced on that date.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 7 years.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(b).

FURTHER ORDER: As the Board earlier imposed an immediate suspension order in this case, today's order of the Board becomes effective immediately. *See* 73 Fed. Reg. 76914, 76925 (December 18, 2008)(to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2)).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. J. [unclear]", written above a horizontal line.

FOR THE BOARD