

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2015-0111

Date:

In re: HERBERT AZUBUIKE IGBANUGO, ATTORNEY

OCT 29 2015

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes
Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jeannette V. Dever
Associate Legal Advisor

The respondent, who has been suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") for 90 days, effective July 13, 2015, has sought reinstatement to practice. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) does not oppose the respondent's motion for reinstatement. The respondent's motion for reinstatement will be granted.

On May 20, 2015, the State of Minnesota Supreme Court issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law for 90 days, effective 14 days from the date of the order. Consequently, on June 17, 2015, the Disciplinary Counsel for the EOIR petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the petition on July 13, 2015.

The respondent did not file a timely answer to the Notice of Intent to Discipline and did not dispute the allegations in the Notice. Given the respondent's suspension from the practice of law in Minnesota, our July 28, 2015, final order of discipline suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 90 days, effective July 13, 2015, the date of our immediate suspension order.

The respondent now asks to be reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, and presents evidence that he is again authorized to practice law in Minnesota. As the respondent now meets the definition of attorney as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f) and has fully served the 90-day suspension imposed by the Board, the respondent has complied with the reinstatement requirements set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a). Further, the EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose his reinstatement. We therefore grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement.

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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, the Immigration Courts or the Board, he must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28, Form EOIR-28 or Form EOIR-27) even in cases in which he was counsel prior to his suspension.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. M. White", written over a horizontal line.

FOR THE BOARD