

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2012-487

Date: JAN 29 2016

In re: BOBBY GORDON OKECHUKU ONYEMEH SEA, a.k.a. Bobby Gordon Sea,
ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

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

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

The respondent was disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), on April 30, 2013, effective March 14, 2013. He has filed a motion for reinstatement to practice. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS opposes the respondent's motion for reinstatement. While this is a close case, after considering the entirety of the circumstances presented, we find that the respondent has met his burden of establishing that he should be reinstated to practice. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(b). That is, the respondent meets the regulatory definition of attorney. His conviction for filing false tax returns did not directly involve his representation of immigration clients. A licensed Minnesota attorney will monitor the respondent's business while he has been placed on probation by the Minnesota Supreme Court, as a condition of his reinstatement to practice law in Minnesota. The Minnesota Professional Responsibility Board found that the respondent has acknowledged the wrongfulness of his criminal behavior, and has undergone a moral change. The respondent has provided letters from fellow attorneys supporting his reinstatement. Accordingly, the respondent is reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS as of the date of this order.

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 disbarment should reflect this reinstatement.

FURTHER ORDER: If the respondent wishes to represent a party before the DHS, the Immigration Courts or 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 disbarment.



FOR THE BOARD