

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2016-0017

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In re: RAVI KANWAL a/k/a/ Ravindra Singh Kanwal, Attorney

APR 22 2016

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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

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

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

On July 8, 2009, an Administrative Law Judge, acting as an adjudicating official, suspended the respondent from practice before the Immigration Courts, Board, and DHS, for two years, in Case No. D2009-053. The suspension remains in effect, as the respondent has not been reinstated to practice by the Board.

The respondent was disbarred by the Supreme Court of Colorado on February 12, 2015. The court concluded that the respondent practiced law while subject to a disciplinary suspension, and was dishonest to his client. Consequently, on March 14, 2016, the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts.

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. 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.

The Notice proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the DHS. 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. § 1003.105. The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's disbarment by the Supreme Court of Colorado. Accordingly, the Board will honor that proposal.

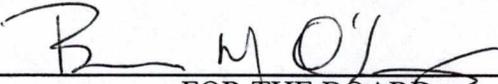
ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in the July 8, 2009, suspension order of the Administrative Law Judge in Case No. D2009-053.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

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.



FOR THE BOARD