

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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In re: RONALD CLYDE DENIS, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes
Disciplinary Counsel

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

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

On June 14, 2016, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state. Consequently, on August 16, 2016, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the DHS. We granted the petition on October 7, 2016.

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. 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 of Intent to Discipline ("Notice") proposes that the respondent be suspended indefinitely from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS asks the Board to extend that discipline to practice before that agency 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. § 1003.105.

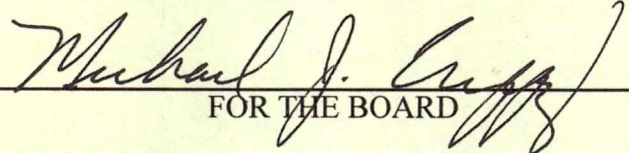
Because the proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the respondent's indefinite suspension in Florida, the Board will honor that proposal. Further, as the respondent is currently under our October 7, 2016, order of suspension, we will deem the respondent's suspension to have commenced on that date. Accordingly, the following order will be entered.

ORDER: The respondent is indefinitely suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The suspension is deemed to have commenced on October 7, 2016.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of the order shall be made available to the public, including at the Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

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



FOR THE BOARD