

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2016-0234

Date: JAN 04 2017

In re: PAUL D. EDMONDSON, ATTORNEY

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 of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a period of 60 days, effective October 27, 2016, 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 September 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of Washington issued a final order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state for 60 days, effective September 16, 2016. Consequently, on October 5, 2016, the Disciplinary Counsel for the EOIR 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 that agency. We granted the petition on October 27, 2016.

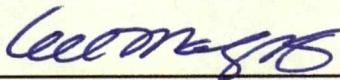
The respondent did not file a timely answer to the Notice of Intent to Discipline and did not dispute the allegations in the Notice. Given the respondent's 60-day suspension from the practice of law in Washington, our November 22, 2016, final order of discipline suspended the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for a period of 60 days, effective October 27, 2016, 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 Washington. The respondent now meets the definition of attorney as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f) and has complied with the reinstatement requirements set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107. Further, the Disciplinary Counsel for the EOIR does not oppose his reinstatement. We therefore grant the respondent's motion for reinstatement and reinstate the respondent to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the DHS, effective December 26, 2016.

ORDER: The respondent is reinstated to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective December 26, 2016.

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



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FOR THE BOARD