

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2017-0010

Date: JUN 22 2017

In re: CHRISTIAN R. JUAREZ, 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 disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (“Board”), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”).

On November 22, 2016, the State Bar Court of California found that clear and convincing evidence supported 30 counts of misconduct filed against the respondent and recommended that the respondent be disbarred. The State Bar Court also ordered the respondent transferred to involuntary inactive status pending the final resolution of his disciplinary proceedings. The inactive enrollment took effect 3 days after the court’s order.

On March 3, 2017, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (“Disciplinary Counsel for 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 March 24, 2017.

On April 19, 2017, the Supreme Court of California issued a final order disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in that state. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR then filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline asking that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the Board 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. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105. The respondent’s failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice of Intent to Discipline 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(d)(1).

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be disbarred 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 of Intent to Discipline, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent’s disbarment in

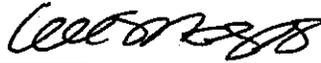
California. *Id*; see also 8 C.F.R. §§ 103.103(b)(2) and 1003.102(e); *Matter of Kronegold*, 25 I&N Dec. 157, 161 (BIA 2010). Further, as the respondent is currently under our March 24, 2017, order of suspension, we will deem his disbarment to have commenced on that date.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The disbarment is deemed to have commenced on March 24, 2017.

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