

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2006-186

Date:  MAR 11 2009

In re: KELECHI CHARLES EMEZIEM, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

MOTION

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

The respondent's unopposed motion for reinstatement to practice will be granted.

On January 25, 2006, the Supreme Court of California suspended the respondent from the practice of law for a period of three years, stayed, placed him on probation for three years, and imposed an actual suspension of 18 months. Consequently, on November 14, 2006, 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 Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. Therefore, on December 5, 2006, the Board suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. On January 10, 2007, the Board issued a final order, suspending the respondent from practice for 18 months, effective December 5, 2006. The Board noted that the respondent could seek reinstatement under appropriate circumstances. The Board thereafter denied 2 reinstatement motions.

The respondent again moves that the Board reinstate him to practice. The EOIR Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose the petition for reinstatement, observing that the period of suspension has expired, and the respondent meets the definition of attorney at 8 C.F.R. § 1001.1(f). The respondent will be reinstated to practice. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107(a).

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 suspension should reflect this reinstatement.

FURTHER ORDER: If the respondent wishes to represent a party before the DHS or Board, he must file a Notice of Appearance (Form G-28 or Form EOIR-27), including any case in which he was formerly counsel, prior to his suspension.



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FOR THE BOARD