

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

File: D2014-237

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In re: ANNA TSIRLINA, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Kasey I. Hill, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

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

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

On July 25, 2014, the respondent was convicted of a serious crime, namely conspiracy to commit immigration fraud and immigration fraud, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Consequently, on November 25, 2014, the DHS initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and Immigration Courts. We granted the petition on December 16, 2014.

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 (2013). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and she is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013).

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR asks that the Board extend that discipline to practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts 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 (2013).

Since the proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the serious nature of the respondent's conviction, the Board will honor that proposal. Accordingly, the respondent is disbarred from practice before the DHS, the Board and the Immigration Courts.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the DHS, the Board, and the Immigration Courts under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107 (2013).



FOR THE BOARD