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File: D2015-0243

Date: DEC 29 2015

In re: JUDD BARTON JAMES, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Catherine M. O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

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

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

On July 16, 2012, the Board suspended the respondent from practice before the Immigration Courts, Board, and DHS, for six months, effective June 21, 2012. The suspension remains in effect, as the respondent has not been reinstated to practice by the Board.

On September 21, 2015, the respondent was disbarred by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Consequently, on November 3, 2015, the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals 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. *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 the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013).

The Notice proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the DHS. 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).


The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's disbarment in Illinois. Accordingly, the Board will honor that proposal.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M.', is written above a horizontal line.

FOR THE BOARD