

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2017-0095

Date: APR 17 2017

In re: JUDE CHUKWUMA EZEALA, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes  
Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jeannette V. Dever  
Associate Legal Advisor

On March 21, 2017, the respondent was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law in Maryland, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, after the court granted a joint petition filed by the parties. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts on March 28, 2017, and states that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in Maryland, as of the date of its filing. The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.<sup>1</sup>

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is immediately suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

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

  
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FOR THE BOARD

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<sup>1</sup> The Board may set aside the order of immediate suspension upon a showing of good cause when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).