

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0374

Date: JAN 22 2020

In re: Douglas Andrew GRANNAN, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell, 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 9, 2019, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Pennsylvania for 1 year and 1 day due to misconduct in immigration matters. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline on August 5, 2019, seeking reciprocal discipline due to the respondent's suspension in Pennsylvania. On September 16, 2019, we issued a final order of discipline suspending the respondent from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for 1 year and 1 day, effective August 8, 2019. The respondent remains suspended under this order.¹

On October 18, 2019, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued a final order disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in Pennsylvania based upon his resignation while the subject of an investigation of misconduct. On November 25, 2019, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a joint Notice of Intent to Discipline.

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 of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct us 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).

¹ The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS initiated these earlier proceedings under the case number 2019-0233.

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's disbarment in Pennsylvania. We therefore will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. Further, as the respondent is currently suspended under our September 16, 2019, final order of discipline, his disbarment will be effective immediately.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The disbarment is effective immediately.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent must maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent must notify the Board of Immigration Appeals 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 of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.



FOR THE BOARD