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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Sheela ROBLES VEGA, D2024-0174

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

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ON BEHALF OF DHS: Toinette M. Mitchell, Disciplinary Counsel

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Notice of Intent to Discipline Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge; Clark, Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Clark, Appellate Immigration Judge

CLARK, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be suspended indefinitely from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), effective August 8, 2024.

On May 31, 2024, the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico immediately and indefinitely suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Puerto Rico. On July 30, 2024, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on August 8, 2024.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(1). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time prescribed in the Joint 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)-(2).

The Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be indefinitely suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective as of the date of our immediate suspension order. Because the respondent did not file an answer, the regulations direct us to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline, unless there are considerations that compel us to diverge from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's suspension in Puerto Rico. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent indefinitely suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective August 8, 2024.

ORDER: The Board hereby indefinitely suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective August 8, 2024.

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

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

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