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Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

John Paul GARCIA, D2024-0236

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

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

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IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Petition for Immediate Suspension Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

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

Opinion by Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge

CREPPY, Appellate Immigration Judge

On July 17, 2024, the Supreme Court of California issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law for three years, staying the execution of that period of suspension, and placing the respondent on probation for three years subject to conditions, including the condition that the respondent is suspended from the practice of law for a minimum of the first year of probation, and will remain suspended until certain requirements are met, effective August 16, 2024. On September 16, 2024, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. The petition will be granted.¹ See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, pending final disposition of this proceeding. 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 of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, or DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

¹ Upon good cause shown, the Board of Immigration Appeals may set aside the order of immediate suspension when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

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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 DHS.