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

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MATTER OF:

Steven TANIJO, D2024-0263

Respondent

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

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

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

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

Opinion by Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

MALPHRUS, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

On September 5, 2024, the Supreme Court of Washington issued an order striking cause hearing for petition for immediate suspension in the respondent's disciplinary proceedings in Washington. In the order, the Supreme Court of Washington states that, on August 30, 2024, the respondent resigned his membership in the Washington State Bar Association in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings. On October 21, 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 contents of this notice shall be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of DHS.