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

MATTER OF:

Benjamin KENT, D2025-0050

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Amy S. Paulick, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Catherine M. O'Connell, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

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

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

Opinion by Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

On March 24, 2025, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Virginia for six months, effective February 28, 2025. On April 8, 2025, 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.

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

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