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

MATTER OF:

David KHAWAM, D2025-0335

Respondent

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

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

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

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

Opinion by Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge

CREPPY, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Court, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").

On March 2, 2021, the Supreme Court of New Jersey issued a final order disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in New Jersey, effective immediately. On January 13, 2026, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline ("NID"), as well as a Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, based upon the respondent's disbarment in New Jersey.

Because the time for filing an answer to the NID has passed, we need not rule on the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension that sought to suspend the respondent until imposition of the final administrative decision in this matter. This order serves as the final administrative decision in the respondent's disciplinary proceedings.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the NID but has failed to do so. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(c). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time prescribed in the NID 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 NID proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct us to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the NID 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 considering the respondent's disbarment from the practice of law in New Jersey. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Court, and DHS. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The disbarment will commence 15 days after the date of this order. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS that the respondent has been disbarred from practicing before these bodies.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board 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, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.