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Board of Immigration Appeals

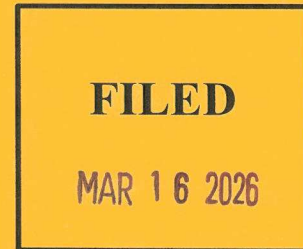
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MATTER OF:

Jean Danhong CHEN,<sup>1</sup> D2026-0043

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Alex Spindler, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Amy S. Paulick, 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;  
Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

MULLANE, Appellate Immigration Judge

On November 4, 2025, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, the respondent pled guilty to visa fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1546(a), obstruction of justice, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3), and obstruction of justice, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1505. The respondent's pleas resulted in her convictions and a sentence of 30 months of incarceration. *See* Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, Attachments 1 and 2.

On February 19, 2026, 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, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. The respondent's offenses constitute "serious crimes" as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h), and her guilty pleas to these offenses, as accepted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, provide a proper basis for immediately suspending her from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4). The petition will therefore be granted.<sup>2</sup> *See* 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1), (2) and (4) (2017) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

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<sup>1</sup> The record also reflects the names, "Danhong 'Jean' Chen" and "Maria Sofia Taylor."

<sup>2</sup> Upon good cause shown, the Board 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).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is 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.

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