

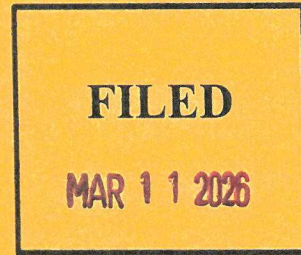
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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Edgardo Javier MARTINEZ SUAREZ, D2026-0023

Respondent



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 suspended from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Court, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") for 30 days.

On December 11, 2025, the Indiana Supreme Court ordered the respondent suspended from practice in Indiana for 30 days, commencing on January 22, 2026. On January 21, 2026, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline ("NID"), as well as a Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, based upon the respondent's suspension.

Before we could rule on Disciplinary Counsels' Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, the respondent timely filed an answer to the charges in the NID.¹ In the answer, the respondent admits the allegations in the NID and does not contest the disciplinary charge (Respondent's Ans. at 1). Among other things, the respondent waives any and all defenses in this matter and his right to a hearing (Respondent's Ans. at 1).

Based on the respondent's admissions and concessions, the sanction proposed by Disciplinary Counsels in the NID is appropriate in light of the respondent's suspension in Indiana. *See Matter of Kronegold*, 25 I&N Dec. 157, 161-62 (BIA 2010) (following deferential approach and imposing

¹ Consequently, 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.

identical reciprocal discipline against suspended or disbarred practitioners). We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS for 30 days. The respondent's period of suspension will commence 15 days after the date of this order. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The following orders will be entered.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 30 days. The suspension 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 suspended 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.