

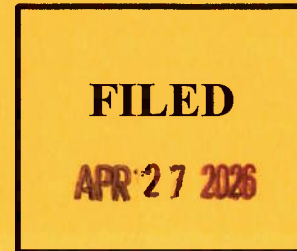
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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Jean Danhong CHEN,¹ D2026-0043

Respondent



ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Alexander Spindler, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

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

IN 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 Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

MULLANE, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), effective March 16, 2026.

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.

On February 19, 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 on the respondent’s convictions, the underlying offenses of which qualify as serious crimes as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h). We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on March 16, 2026.

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. The respondent’s failure to file a response within the time period 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).

¹ The record also reflects the names, “Danhong ‘Jean’ Chen” and “Maria Sofia Taylor.”

The NID proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the 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 digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's convictions for serious crimes. We therefore will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. Further, as the respondent remains suspended under our March 16, 2026, order of immediate suspension, her disbarment will be effective as of that date.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective March 16, 2026.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent must maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent must notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.