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

MATTER OF:

Rodrigo H. SANCHEZ, D2026-0295

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Nathan S. Henriksen, Disciplinary Counsel

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

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

Before: Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge; Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge; White,
Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

MULLANE, 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"), effective July 22, 2026.

On July 1, 2025, the Supreme Court of New Jersey issued an order disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in New Jersey, effective July 1, 2025. On July 15, 2026, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review 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. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on July 22, 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 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

¹ Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(4).

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 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 Courts, and DHS. The respondent's disbarment will be effective as of July 22, 2026, the date of our immediate suspension order.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective July 22, 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 him.

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.