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

MATTER OF:

Barry SOOALO, D2026-0399

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: 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 suspended from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Court, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), effective August 29, 2026.

On July 30, 2026, the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Hawaii for 30 days, effective August 29, 2026. On August 10, 2026, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review 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 in Hawaii. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on September 8, 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(c)(1). 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), (2).

The NID proposes that the respondent be suspended 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 suspension in Hawaii. 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. The respondent's suspension is effective as of August 29, 2026, the start date of the respondent's suspension in Hawaii and the Board's immediate suspension order. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The following orders will be entered.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, for 30 days, effective August 29, 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.