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

MATTER OF:

Asim Abdur Rahman GHAFOOR, D2026-0481

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Nathan S. Henriksen, 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 Mullane, Appellate Immigration Judge

MULLANE, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Court, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), effective immediately.

On March 31, 2026, the Supreme Court of Maryland issued an order granting the Joint Petition for Disbarment by Consent and disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in Maryland, effective immediately. On September 18, 2026, the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline ("NID") based on the respondent's disbarment in Maryland.[1]

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).

[1] As noted by Disciplinary Counsels, on February 19, 2026, in case number D2025-0313, the Board granted Disciplinary Counsels' Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension based upon a Supreme Court of Maryland order immediately suspending the respondent on a temporary basis. The respondent remains suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS pursuant to the Board's February 19, 2026, order.

The NID proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the Board, 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 disbarment in Maryland. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. The respondent's disbarment will be effective immediately, as the respondent is currently under an immediate suspension order under a different case number. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The following orders will be entered.

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

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.