

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2018-0012

Date: APR 18 2018

In re: Michael JOFFE, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul Rodrigues
Acting Disciplinary Counsel

On January 4, 2018, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial Department in the State of New York issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state for 2 years, effective 30 days from the date of its order. The suspension was based on the respondent's misconduct concerning immigration clients. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency on April 2, 2018. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS states that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in New York, as of the date of its filing. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review asks that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted. *See* 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).¹

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).


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.

¹ The Board may set aside the order of immediate suspension upon a showing of good cause when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

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

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FOR THE BOARD