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

Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2018-0071

Date:

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In re: Garrett J. WILKES, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes

Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell

Disciplinary Counsel

On February 28, 2018, the Supreme Court of Arizona issued an Order of Consent to Interim Suspension suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Arizona on an interim basis, effective March 15, 2018. The suspension is to continue in force until final disposition of all pending disciplinary proceedings against the respondent (Petition for Immediate Suspension, Attachment 1, at 3).

On March 23, 2018, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board) and the Immigration Courts. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted. See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (2017) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

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

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

FOR THE BOARD