

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2018-0069

Date: MAY 08 2018

In re: Keon Joong LEE, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues
Acting Disciplinary Counsel

On March 1, 2018, the Supreme Court of California issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state for 2 years, but the court stayed the execution of the suspension and placed the respondent on probation for 2 years. The court suspended the respondent for the first 6 months of the probation and until certain conditions are met. On April 6, 2018, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency.¹ The Acting Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board) and the Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted.² See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1), (2), 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 The Petition for Immediate Suspension is supported by documentation of the respondent's suspension in California, and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS appears to be seeking the respondent's immediate suspension on the basis of this California suspension. The first sentence of the petition, however, states that the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS is seeking respondent's immediate suspension because he "has been disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Georgia." We believe the reference to disbarment in Georgia is a typographical error and should instead state suspension in the state of California.

² 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).

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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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