

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2018-0095

Date: JUN 04 2018

In re: Sandra Esther Suarez KRUGER, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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

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

The respondent will be indefinitely suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").

On December 13, 2017, the Supreme Court of Iowa indefinitely suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Iowa. The court had previously temporarily suspended the respondent's law license, based on her incarceration.

The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board and the Immigration Courts on April 18, 2018, and stated that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in Iowa, as of the date of its filing. The Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. We granted the petition for immediate suspension on May 8, 2018.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105. The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice of Intent to Discipline 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).

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be indefinitely suspended from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. The DHS Disciplinary Counsel asks the Board to extend that discipline to practice before DHS as well.

Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the fact that on December 13, 2017, the Supreme Court of Iowa indefinitely suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Iowa.

ORDER: The Board hereby indefinitely suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

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 her.

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

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.



FOR THE BOARD