

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2018-0183

Date: JUN 29 2018

In re: Shannon DeWayne PATTERSON, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

On May 21, 2018, the Supreme Court of Georgia suspended the respondent on an interim basis from the practice of law in Georgia, until his sentencing by a federal district court, and until further order of the court. The respondent pled guilty in federal district court to one count of willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of a false tax return. The respondent admitted that he is in violation of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct, which make it a disciplinary violation for an attorney to be convicted of a felony. 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 on June 14, 2018, and states that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in Georgia, as of the date of its filing. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") asks that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.<sup>1</sup> See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is immediately suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. 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.

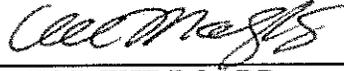
FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. M. [unclear]".

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FOR THE BOARD