

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2018-0013

Date: JUL 30 2018

In re: Rene SEGUNDO, 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 February 13, 2018, the Supreme Court of Texas issued a final order accepting the respondent's resignation in lieu of disciplinary action.¹ On May 4, 2018, the Acting Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (Acting Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR), through an Amended Petition for Immediate Suspension, petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board) and the Immigration Courts.² 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.³ 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.

¹ In the order, the Supreme Court of Texas deemed the professional misconduct detailed in the Response of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline conclusively established for all purposes (Amended Petition for Immediate Suspension, Attachment 1).

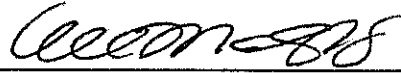
² On April 12, 2018, we denied the original Petition for Immediate Suspension filed by the Acting Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR on the ground that the Acting Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR had not established that the respondent "had been disciplined" for the purposes of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4). The Amended Petition for Immediate Suspension is based on new allegations of misconduct and is supported by new evidence (Amended Petition for Immediate Suspension, Attachment 1).

³ 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 respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Cecilia S. S.", is written above a horizontal line.

FOR THE BOARD