

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2018-0221

Date: AUG 24 2018

In re: Shant OHANIAN, 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 November 2, 2017, the Supreme Court of California disbarred the respondent from the practice of law in California, effective December 2, 2017. The respondent had been charged with seven counts of moral turpitude and two counts of failing to perform with competence, in connection with two client matters. 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 August 8, 2018, and states that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in California, 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.

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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FOR THE BOARD

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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).