

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2018-0229

Date: OCT 16 2018

In re: Sandra Esther Suarez KRUGER a.k.a. Sandra Esther Suarez-Quilty, 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 disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").

We indefinitely suspended the respondent from practice before the Immigration Courts, Board, and DHS, in Case No. D2018-0095, on June 4, 2018. This was based on a December 13, 2017, order from the Supreme Court of Iowa indefinitely suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Iowa. The suspension before the Immigration Courts, Board, and DHS remains in effect, as the respondent has not been reinstated to practice by the Board.

On May 18, 2018, the respondent was disbarred from the practice of law, effective immediately, by the Iowa Supreme Court. This occurred as a result of multiple violations of the Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct, including the misappropriation of funds. The court noted that the respondent was a solo practitioner, and provided legal services primarily in the areas of immigration law, family law, and criminal law.

The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline on August 24, 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. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105.

The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice 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 proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(e) (attorney who is subject to a final order of disbarment subject to discipline by the Board). The DHS asks the Board to extend that discipline to practice before that agency 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, absent other circumstances. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2). The proposed sanction is appropriate, given that the respondent has been disbarred from the practice of law by the Iowa Supreme Court. Accordingly, the Board will honor that proposal.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective immediately.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our June 4, 2018, suspension order in Case No. D2018-0095.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

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

  
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FOR THE BOARD