File: D2017-0401

Date: OCT 1 9 2018

In re: Francisco MALDONADO a.k.a. Francisco Medina Maldonado, 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 August 24, 2018, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the respondent's resignation from the practice of law, in lieu of discipline, and stated that the respondent is prohibited from practicing law in Texas. 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 September 26, 2018, and states that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law in Texas, 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.[1] 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.

FOR THE BOARD

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[1] 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).