

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0036

Date: APR 16 2019

In re: Veronica REYES, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

On February 12, 2019, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Colorado issued an Order Approving Conditional Admission of Misconduct and Imposing Sanctions under C.R.C.P. 251.22 in the respondent's disciplinary proceedings in that state. The order suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Colorado for 1 year and 1 day, with 6 months to be served and 6 months and 1 day to be stayed upon the successful completion of a 2-year period of probation. The respondent's suspension was effective March 19, 2019.

On March 26, 2019, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Immigration Courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals. 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.¹ See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (2018) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, 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 of Immigration Appeals, 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

¹ Upon good cause shown, the Board of Immigration Appeals 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).