

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2019-0350

Date: NOV 14 2019

In re: Benjamin P. BRATTER, 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 September 26, 2019, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York, First Judicial Department, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in New York for 1 year, effective October 28, 2019. The basis for the suspension involved misconduct concerning immigration clients. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, on November 4, 2019. The petition will be granted.

The Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and the DHS state that the respondent remains suspended from the practice of law as of the date of the joint petition for immediate suspension. The petition for immediate suspension 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 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).

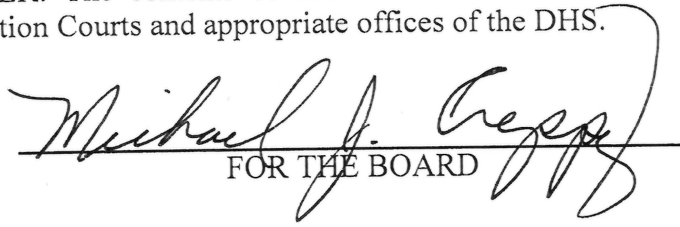
FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

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