

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2019-0371

Date: JAN 23 2020

In re: Jorge A. ORTIZ a.k.a. Jorge Andrés Ortiz, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues
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").

On October 21, 2019, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board accepted the respondent's "Consent to Revocation," ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Virginia is revoked, and ordered that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys for Virginia. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, on November 15, 2019.

The Disciplinary Counsels for EOIR and the DHS stated that the respondent remains disbarred from the practice of law in Virginia, as of the date of the joint petition for immediate suspension. We granted the petition for immediate suspension on November 25, 2019.

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. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105. The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice of Intent to Discipline 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 of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(e) (attorney who has resigned while a disciplinary proceeding is pending is subject to discipline). Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations generally direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

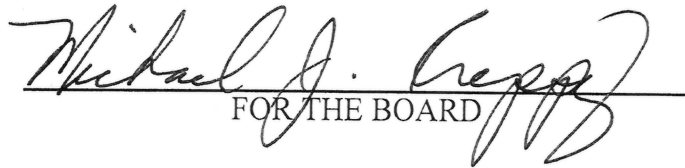
The proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the fact that on October 21, 2019, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board accepted the respondent's "Consent to Revocation," ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Virginia is revoked, and ordered that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys for Virginia. We will deem the respondent's disbarment to have commenced on November 25, 2019, the date of the Board's immediate suspension order.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The disbarment is deemed to have commenced on November 25, 2019.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent must maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent must notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of the order shall be made available to the public, including at the Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

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


FOR THE BOARD