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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Alfred Lincoln ROBERTSON, Jr., D2021-0128

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

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

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

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IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Notice of Intent to Discipline before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge; Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a period of one year and one day, effective June 25, 2021.

On June 25, 2021, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Virginia for a period of one year and one day. On July 1, 2021, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline, as well as a Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, based upon the respondent's suspension of practice of law in Virginia. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on August 10, 2021.

On July 27, 2021, the respondent filed a response, admitting his suspension in Virginia, and agreeing with the Disciplinary Counsels' proposed discipline.¹ The respondent in his response also requested that his suspension before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, run concurrently with his suspension in Virginia.

¹ Although the respondent labeled his response as a "Response to the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension," we will consider his correspondence as a timely response to the Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline.

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposed that the respondent be suspended from the practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for a period of one year and one day, effective June 25, 2021. The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's suspension in Virginia. Therefore, we will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for one year and one day. Further, as the respondent complied with the notice requirements of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(c), we will deem his suspension to have commenced on June 25, 2021, the date his suspension became effective in Virginia.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for a period of one year and one day, effective June 25, 2021.

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.