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

MATTER OF:

Edward Emad MOAWAD, D2021-0163

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

Notice of Intent to Discipline before the Board of Immigration Appeals

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

Opinion by Chief Appellate Immigration Judge Wetmore

WETMORE, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), effective as of the date of the Board's October 4, 2021, immediate suspension order.

On August 11, 2021, the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an order disbarring the respondent from the practice of law in Maryland. On August 25, 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 disbarment in Maryland. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on October 4, 2021.

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. *See* 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 practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective as of the date of the Board's immediate suspension order. Because the respondent failed to timely file an answer, the regulations direct us to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline,

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unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2).

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's disbarment in Maryland. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective October 4, 2021.

ORDER: The Board of Immigration Appeals hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective October 4, 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.