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Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Roel ALANIS, D2021-0195

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

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Petition for Immediate Suspension before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Wetmore, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge; Creppy, Appellate Immigration
Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Chief Appellate Immigration Judge Wetmore

WETMORE, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

AMENDED DECISION¹

On August 27, 2021, the Supreme Court of Texas issued an order accepting the respondent's resignation from the practice of law in Texas in lieu of discipline, effective August 27, 2021. On September 27, 2021, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review 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, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. The petition will be granted.² See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The Board decision dated October 25, 2021, is vacated.

¹ The instant amended decision is issued only to add the Appellate Immigration Judge information to the caption of this order.

² 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).

FURTHER 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.