

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

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

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MATTER OF:

Grace Ingrid GARDINER, D2021-0201

Respondent

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

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

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS  
Notice of Intent to Discipline 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

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for 4 months, effective August 30, 2021.

On August 30, 2021, the Supreme Court of Tennessee suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Tennessee for 3 years with 4 months to be served in active suspension and the remainder on probation subject to conditions. On October 14, 2021, 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 of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. We granted the petition on November 15, 2021.

On November 10, 2021, the respondent filed a document she titled "Answer to the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension." In the document, she admitted the facts outlined in the August 30, 2021, order issued by the Supreme Court of Tennessee and waived her right to a hearing before the Board. She also asked that the Board enter a final order imposing reciprocal discipline. We therefore will construe her answer to the joint petition to be an answer to the Notice of Intent to Discipline.

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for 4 months. The respondent has not objected to this sanction, and the sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's suspension in Tennessee. We therefore 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 4 months. Further, as the respondent notified the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR and the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS of her suspension in Tennessee as required by 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(c), her suspension will be effective as of August 30, 2021, the effective date of her suspension in Tennessee.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS for 4 months, effective August 30, 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 her.

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.