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Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Erika Lynn ROMAN, D2021-0200

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

On Petition for Immediate Suspension before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge;
Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge; Manuel, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Appellate Immigration Judge Liebowitz

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

On January 20, 2022, the Supreme Court of California issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in California for one year, with the execution of that period of suspension stayed. The respondent was also placed on probation for one year, and suspended from the practice of law for the first 30 days of probation. The effective date of the Supreme Court of California's disciplinary order is February 19, 2022. *See* Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 9.18(a) (providing that disciplinary orders of the Supreme Court become final 30 days after filing). On January 31, 2022, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) 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, effective no earlier than February 19, 2022. The petition will be granted. *See* 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

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, effective February 19, 2022, or the date of this order, whichever is later. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

¹ Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(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.