

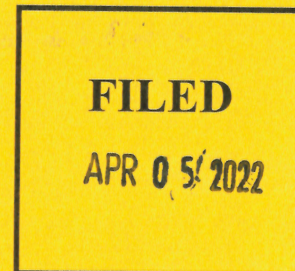
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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

Ryan Patrick CLARIDGE, D2022-0014

Respondent



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
Notice of Intent to Discipline before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration
Judge; Manuel, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge Manuel

MANUEL, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for a period of 60 days, effective March 1, 2022.

On January 21, 2022, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona issued a final judgment and order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Arizona for 60 days, effective March 1, 2022. 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) filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline, as well as a Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, based upon the respondent's suspension in Arizona. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on February 17, 2022, with an effective date of March 1, 2022.

¹ Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. See generally 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(1), (4).

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 suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 60 days, no earlier than March 1, 2022, or 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, 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 suspension in Arizona. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent suspended from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for 60 days, effective March 1, 2022. The following orders will be entered.

ORDER: The Board hereby suspends the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, for a period of 60 days, effective as of March 1, 2022.

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.