## **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

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

MATTER OF:

Tori Sullette BRYANT, D2022-0064

Respondent

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Toinette M. Mitchell, 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; Brown, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge<sup>1</sup>

Opinion by Appellate Immigration Judge Creppy

CREPPY, Appellate Immigration Judge

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), effective May 25, 2022.

On April 8, 2022, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit removed the respondent from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before it, pursuant to Rule 46(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and Rule 46-2(a) of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, after the respondent failed to respond to the Ninth Circuit's order directing her to submit a statement why she should not be suspended or disbarred. On May 5, 2022, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") and the Disciplinary Counsel for DHS filed a Joint Notice of Intent to Discipline, as well as a Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension, based upon the respondent's removal from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit. We granted the Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension on May 25, 2022.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. *See generally* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(1), (4).

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

The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's removal from the Ninth Circuit's roll of admitted attorneys pursuant to Rule 46(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and Rule 46-2(a) of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. We will honor the proposed discipline and will order the respondent disbarred from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective May 25, 2022. The following orders will be entered.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS, effective May 25, 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 her.

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of the order shall be made available to the public, including at the Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107.