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

MATTER OF:

Steele LANPHIER, D2022-0090

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Toinette M. Mitchell, Disciplinary Counsel

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

On Petition for Immediate Suspension before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge; Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by: Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge Malphrus

MALPHRUS, Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

On February 23, 2022, the Supreme Court of California issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in California for a period of two years, with the execution of that period stayed. The order also placed the respondent on probation for two years subject to certain conditions, including suspension from the practice of law in California for a minimum of the first six months of probation, effective March 25, 2022. On April 15, 2022, the State Bar Court of California granted the respondent's motion for an extension of time for the effective date of the suspension and stayed the effective date of suspension until June 1, 2022. On June 9, 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. The petition will be granted.¹ See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

¹ 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).

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 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 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.