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

MATTER OF:

Paul Andrew MURPHY, D2022-0169

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

Petition for Immediate Suspension from a Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge; Brown, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹; Noferi, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Appellate Immigration Judge Liebowitz

LIEBOWITZ, Appellate Immigration Judge

On September 16, 2022, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Virginia be suspended indefinitely due to impairment. Further, on September 20, 2022, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board dismissed without prejudice disciplinary proceedings that were pending against the respondent at the time of his impairment suspension. On September 29, 2022, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review 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 DHS. The petition will be granted.² 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 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.

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

² 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).

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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 DHS.