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**Re: Patrick Nwaneri
D2022-0171**

Date: October 26, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the Board's decision and order in the above-referenced case.

- If you wish to be represented by counsel, a Notice of Appearance as Attorney or Representative before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Form EOIR-27) must be filed with the Board. Unless a Form EOIR-27 is received from your representative, all future notices will be sent directly to you at your address, not to your representative.
- Proof of service on the opposing filing party is required for ALL submissions to the Board of Immigration Appeals. The certificate of service must clearly identify the opposing party's name, address, and the date it was sent to them. Any submission filed with the Board without a proper certificate of service will be rejected.

Sincerely,

Donna Carr

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MATTER OF:

Patrick Chinedu NWANERI, D2022-0171

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, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge, Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge,
Noferi, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Noferi, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

NOFERI, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

On August 24, 2022, the State of Minnesota Supreme Court issued an Opinion suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Minnesota for a period of 90 days, followed by two years of supervised probation, effective September 7, 2022. On October 6, 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 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).

¹ Temporary 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 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.