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

MATTER OF:

Stephen Matthew BANDER, D2023-0113

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

Opinion by Brown, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

BROWN, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

On May 11, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an order disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in Florida, effective June 10, 2023. On May 18, 2023, 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, effective June 10, 2023. 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, effective June 10, 2023, 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 DHS.