

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2015-0244

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**DEC 28 2015**

In re: SHERIN THAWER, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Catherine M. O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel

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

On November 5, 2013, the Board affirmed an Immigration Judge's decision suspending the respondent from practice before the Immigration Courts, Board, and DHS, for one year, effective November 20, 2013. The suspension remains in effect, as the respondent has not been reinstated to practice by the Board.

On August 19, 2015, the respondent was convicted, on the basis of a guilty plea, of a serious crime, namely, aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1), in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. Consequently, on November 2, 2015, the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS filed a Notice of Intent to Discipline. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts.

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 (2013). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes 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 (2013).

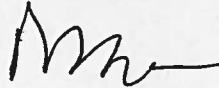
The Notice proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the DHS. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013). The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's conviction for aggravated identity theft. Accordingly, the Board will honor that proposal.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107 (2013).

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FOR THE BOARD