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

MATTER OF:

Rodolfo SOLIS ZEPEDA, D2024-0194

Respondent

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ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

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

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IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Petition for Immediate Suspension Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

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

Opinion by Creppy, Appellate Immigration Judge

CREPPY, Appellate Immigration Judge

On March 12, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, the respondent plead guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and to Make False Statements, in violate of 18 U.S.C. § 371, 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a). On May 29, 2024, the respondent was sentenced to probation for a term of five years and was ordered to surrender his law license no later than May 30, 2024. On July 29, 2024, 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 due to his conviction for this offense, which qualifies as a serious crime as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h). The petition will be granted.¹ 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 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).

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.