

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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

MATTER OF:

Matthew S. FURNESS, D2022-0011

Respondent

FILED

FEB 03 2022

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues, Disciplinary Counsel

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

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

On Petition for Immediate Suspension before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Manuel, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge; Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge; Brown, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

Opinion by Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge Manuel¹

MANUEL, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge

On December 20, 2021, the Supreme Court of Washington issued an order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in Washington for a period of 12 months, effective December 27, 2021. On January 24, 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 the DHS. The petition will be granted. *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 the 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 the DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

¹ Temporary Appellate Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. *See generally* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103.1(a)(1), (4).

D2022-0011

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.