

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2017-0099

Date: APR 17 2017

In re: JANICE PAYTE OVIATT, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes  
Disciplinary Counsel

On December 7, 2016, the District 4 Grievance Committee, Evidentiary Panel 4-3, State Bar of Texas issued a "Judgment of Disbarment", disbaring the respondent from the practice of law in Texas. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency on April 3, 2017, and states that the respondent remains disbarred from the practice of law in Texas, as of the date of its filing. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted.<sup>1</sup> See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, 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, the Immigration Courts, or the 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.



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FOR THE BOARD

<sup>1</sup> The Board may set aside the order of immediate suspension upon a showing of good cause when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).