

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

In the Matter of:	:	
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RICARDO VIDAL,	:	D.C. App. No.
	:	Board Docket No. 16-BD-080
Respondent.	:	Disciplinary Docket Nos. 2015-D139
	:	& 2015-D196
A Member of the Bar of the	:	
District of Columbia Court of Appeals	:	
(Bar Registration No. 486593)	:	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This matter is before the Board on Professional Responsibility (“Board”) on the motion of Disciplinary Counsel to accept Respondent’s consent to disbarment filed pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a) and Board Rule 16.1. Respondent’s affidavit of consent to disbarment, executed on August 7, 2017, is attached to Disciplinary Counsel’s motion.


The Board, acting through its Chair, and pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b) and Board Rule 16.2, has reviewed Respondent’s affidavit of consent to disbarment and finds that it conforms to the requirements of D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a). Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Court enter an order disbarring Respondent on consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b).

Disciplinary Counsel has requested that Respondent’s disbarment not take effect until October 31, 2017, in order to provide Respondent “sufficient time to complete representation in scheduled immigration matters, to withdraw from all other pending matters, and take other steps necessary to shut down his practice.” Motion at 2. Disciplinary Counsel argues further that, the proposed October 31, 2017 effective date for Respondent’s disbarment “best protects the public by providing for an orderly transition and resolution of certain immigration matters.” *Id.*

Recognizing the disbarment is typically effective immediately in a consent disbarment case, the Board agrees with Disciplinary Counsel's request for the reasons stated above. *See In re Allen*, D.C. App. No. 12-BG-1148 (Aug. 23, 2012) (in a consent disbarment case, respondent's disbarment was effective approximately six weeks after the disbarment order); *see also* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(a) (with certain exceptions not relevant here, "an order of disbarment shall be effective thirty days after entry unless the Court directs otherwise.").

Thus, the Board recommends that respondent be disbarred effective October 31, 2017, and that in the order of disbarment, Respondent be reminded of the provisions of D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 14 and 16, including the requirement to file the affidavit under D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g), and that the period of disbarment will not be deemed to run for purposes of reinstatement until a compliant affidavit is filed. *See* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 16(a); *In re Slosberg*, 650 A.2d 1329, 1331-33 (D.C. 1994).

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By: 

Robert C. Bernius
Chair

Dated: September 20, 2017