U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File:

D2004-120

Date:

Decision of the

AUG **-4** 2004

ard of Immigration Appeals

In re: TORITSEFE NANNA, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Rachel A. McCarthy, Ethics Counsel

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Esquire

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On June 17, 2004, the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, First Judicial Department, County of New York, accepted the practitioner's resignation from the bar, struck her name from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law in the State of New York, effective nunc pro tunc to April 15, 2004. The petitioner was ordered to make monetary restitution to former clients she identified in her affidavit of resignation dated April 15, 2004.

Consequently, on July 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency. On July 15, 2004, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts.

The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended, absent a showing of good cause, from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a).

Accordingly, the respondent is directed to 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. The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order. Moreover, we direct that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.