

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2021-0045

Date: MAY 18 2021

In re: Cynthia Nalleli ALANIS, Attorney

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

On February 3, 2021, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division, adjudicated the respondent guilty, on the basis of her guilty plea, of making a false/fraudulent statement in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. This offense is a “serious crime” as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h) both because it is a felony and because it involves dishonesty. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h) (defining “serious crime”). On March 22, 2021, 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 the DHS. 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 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.

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.



FOR THE BOARD

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).