

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

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File: D2014-369

Date: FEB 10 2015

In re: VANESSA BANDRICH, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Caitlin Shay, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS").

On December 1, 2014, a judgment in a criminal case was entered concerning the respondent in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The respondent was convicted of a serious crime, namely conspiracy to commit immigration fraud. Consequently, on December 29, 2014, the DHS initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and the Immigration Courts. We granted the petition for immediate suspension on January 14, 2015.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013); 8 C.F.R. § 292.3(e). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(2013); 8 C.F.R. § 292.3(e).

The Notice of Intent to Discipline proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practice before the DHS, and the Disciplinary Counsel for EOIR asks that we extend that discipline to practice before the Board and Immigration Courts as well. As the respondent failed to file a timely answer, the regulations direct us to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013); 8 C.F.R. § 292.3(e).

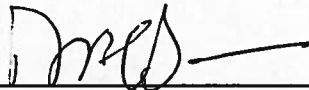
The proposed sanction is appropriate in light of the respondent's conviction for conspiracy to commit immigration fraud. We therefore will honor the proposed sanction. The respondent is currently under our January 14, 2015, order of suspension. We will deem the respondent's disbarment to have commenced on that date.

ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.107 (2013).

FURTHER ORDER: As the Board earlier imposed an immediate suspension order in this case, today's order of the Board becomes effective immediately. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2) (2013).

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FOR THE BOARD