

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2002-179

Date: JUL 24 2003

In re: WILMA NADINE BRENNAN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

Between September 3, 2002, and December 10, 2002, respondent Brennan was administratively suspended from the practice of law in Texas for failure to pay occupation taxes and bar dues.

On May 11, 2003, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent. On May 23, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) asked that any punishment applied to the respondent also apply to practice before the DHS. In the Notice of Intent to Discipline, the DHS submitted evidence that during the period she was suspended from the practice of law in Texas, Brennan entered her appearance as counsel for the respondent in twenty-four immigration cases in the Houston Immigration Court, and claimed that she was a member in good standing of the Texas state bar.

On July 1, 2003, the parties entered into a consent order whereby the respondent accepted a 30-day suspension from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS, effective August 1, 2003. The Board gives its approval to the settlement. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.106(a)(1)(ii). The Board further concurs with the parties that there is no need for a hearing in this matter.

  
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FOR THE BOARD