

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW  
IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE IMMIGRATION COURT**

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**In the Matter of**

**RAYMOND J. SANDERS,**

**Respondent.**  
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) **Disciplinary Case # D2001-012**  
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**CONSENT ORDER**

Respondent, through counsel, and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), by the undersigned Associate General Counsel, hereby submit this consent order pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 3.106(a)(1)(ii), and seek the Court's approval thereunder.

1. Respondent hereby declares that the foregoing is freely and voluntarily rendered, that he is not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that he is fully aware of the implications of this consent order.

2. Respondent acknowledges that OGC has met its burden of proof, by clear, convincing, and unequivocal evidence, to the allegations set forth in the Notice of Intent to Discipline, to wit: that by order of January 24, 2001, he was suspended for one (1) year by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in George Ambati et al. v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2001 WL 66254 (7th Cir. 2001), in violation of 3.102(e)(1).

3. Respondent waives any opportunity to rebut the presumption of under 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(b)(2)(i) - (iii) that reciprocal discipline should be imposed.

4. Respondent hereby consents to a two (2) month suspension before the Immigration Courts, Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board"), and Immigration and Naturalization Service ("Service"), effective nunc pro tunc to May 7, 2001, the date of the Board's interim suspension order, with probation until January 24, 2002, the termination of his suspension in the Seventh Circuit. On July 7, 2001, upon completion of the two (2) month suspension before the Immigration Courts, Board, and Service, Respondent will be reinstated without further proceeding.

5. During the probationary period, Respondent will disclose his Seventh Circuit suspension in any and all notices of entry of appearance filed with the Board, Immigration Courts, and Service, in keeping with Matter of Sparrow, 20 I&N Dec. 920 (BIA 1994)(attorney has duty to disclose disciplinary actions in the bars of courts in jurisdictions other than those in which he claims to be in good standing). Furthermore, Respondent will be mindful of his duty to notify OGC of any discipline imposed in any state or Federal court within 30 days of issuance of any such order, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(c).

6. At the termination of his Seventh Circuit suspension, Respondent will notify OGC by letter, and affirmatively state that he meets the definition of attorney as set forth at 8 C.F.R. § 1.1 (f).

By consent, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent shall be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, Immigration Courts, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, for two (2) months, nunc pro tunc to May 7, 2001, with probation thereafter until January 24, 2002.

Dated: *June 26, 2001*

*Raymond J. Sanders*

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By the Immigration Court:

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Immigration Judge