

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2005-130

Date: FEB 21 2006

In re: ALAN J. HARRIS, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

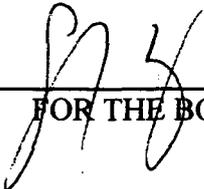
ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On November 22, 2005, the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, accepted the respondent's resignation from the practice of law with charges pending. The Court noted that the respondent had been suspended from the practice of law on November 16, 1993, for 3 years, based on "dishonest conduct and conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice", and had not sought reinstatement. The respondent admitted that from 1997 - 2004, he worked as an attorney in California, and represented numerous clients before the immigration courts. The respondent admitted that he represented the complainant before the immigration court in Los Angeles in 2002, and falsely represented on a notice of appearance that he was a member in good standing of the New York state bar. The respondent admitted in his affidavit that he did not notify immigration authorities, as required, that he had been suspended from the practice of law in New York.

Consequently, on February 2, 2006, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On February 7, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

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.



FOR THE BOARD