

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2002-134

Date: JAN 30 2003

In re: AKHTAR HUSSAIN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Theresa A. Repede, Appellate Counsel

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Taghrid Hassan, Esquire

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On August 22, 2002, the Florida Supreme Court suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 90 days, effective on October 1, 2002.

Consequently, on November 12, 2002, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On January 9, 2003, 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 Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(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 Service 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 Service.



FOR THE BOARD