

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2007-337

Date:  JAN 18 2008

In re: ANTHONY NWOSU, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Scott Anderson, Deputy Bar Counsel

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

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On July 17, 2007, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that court for 18 months, "... for conduct unbecoming a member of the court's bar, effective on the filing date of this order." The court declined to reconsider its order on August 21, 2007. The March 16, 2006, Report and Recommendation of the Ninth Circuit Appellate Commissioner found clear and convincing evidence that the respondent had "made false or misleading statements to the court with the intent to deceive the court", and had also violated the court's rules by failing to maintain a current address with the court, filing defective briefs, and filing petitions for review before he became a member of the court's bar.

Consequently, on January 4, 2008, 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 January 10, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") 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, the Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

  
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FOR THE BOARD