

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2000-013

Date: AUG 10 2000

In re: ANTONIO REYES-VIDAL, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer Barnes, Esquire

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Barry O'Melinn, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On February 4, 1999, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the District Court of Bexar County, Texas, 45th Judicial District, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 84 months, with the last 60 months probated.

Consequently, on July 27, 2000, 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 August 1, 2000, the Immigration and Naturalization Service moved to join that petition and asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 65 Fed. Reg. 39,513, 39,527 (June 27, 2000) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(a)). Absent a showing of good cause, this suspension shall remain in effect until the imposition of a final administrative decision in the underlying disciplinary proceedings. *Id.*

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.


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